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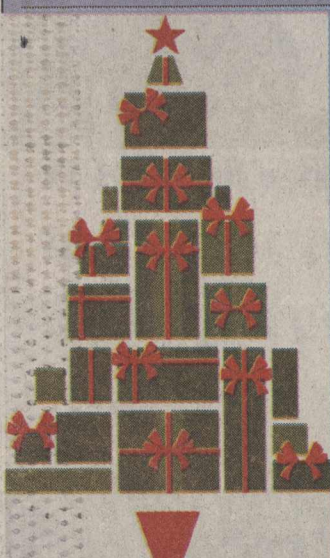
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Paul Pace, Youth Minister
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ing it his New Year's reso-
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Wilmington Middle School School Evacuated

"Specific Low Level Threat" put school administration into action

BY SHARON ADELMAN
CROWLEY
Town Crier Correspondent

WILMINGTON - Wilmington Middle School parents and guardians received an email from Principal Christine McMenimen yesterday regarding an incident that required immediate attention. According to the email, students were safely evacuated to the West Intermediate School at 11:15 a.m. due to a specific low-level threat. Officials indicated that the threat

was found and reported by a student in a bathroom.

"We are working with Public Safety to ensure that the school is safe," Principal McMenimen wrote in an email Wednesday morning. "We took an abundance of precautions to make sure that students were calm and orderly. We expect that students will return to the building and classes before noon."

Seventh grade students were expected to return from a field trip on-time at 1:15 p.m.

This morning, concerned parents

took to Facebook, looking for answers. "Was this a bomb threat?" "Will there be a school delay?" "Will there be extra security today?"

Wilmington Police and Fire could not confirm if the writing in the bathroom was in fact a bomb threat and referred inquiries to the school district.

"We convened (yesterday) with Public Safety, Police, and Fire," Superintendent Joanne Benton told the Crier. "We went through threat assessment and decided to

evacuate the building, bringing students to West Intermediate as an extra precaution. Once we realized all was clear and it was safe to return students to the building, we did. There was no delay today. Our regular security resource officer is in the building."

Benton confirmed that the incident was a low level threat reported in the morning and students were returned safely after 15 minutes. Benton was with students throughout the evacuation. "As were Police and Fire," she said.



The Tice Family picked out their Christmas tree with the help of Bob Whitebone, volunteer for the United Methodist Church annual tree sale fundraiser. (l-r): Jenny, Andrew, Kimberly and Ray Tice and Bob Whitebone. (photo by Maureen Brady-www.shootingstarspix.com)

Selectmen notes

Selectmen weigh in on Fourth Cancellation

BY JON BISHOP
Town Crier Correspondent

WILMINGTON— The Fourth of July Committee, due to a lack of alternatives to the high school and common, recently decided to cancel the 2014 Fun on the Fourth events.

And town officials weren't happy about it, but they understood why it had to be done.

Town Manager Jeffrey Hull said that the Committee had "an extensive

review" of potential locations. They included the Middle School, Yentile Farm, and Silver Lake. All of them, he said, lacked accommodations like parking spaces and firework-safe areas. They also considered asking the Shriners' Auditorium, but they later decided against it.

Hull said that the event symbolizes what Wilmington is about, and he hoped that it would one day continue.

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Music

Strings Attached Winter Spectacular

BY AARON
HARRINGTON
Special to the Town Crier

WILMINGTON - Each winter season, Wilmington High School plays host for the incredible slew of musical groups throughout the Wilmington public school system. From elementary students just learning the basics to high school groups tackling complex Christmas classics, the holiday season marks a time of festive music for all to enjoy. Wilmington Strings

Attached was no exception, as the high school orchestra provided a seasonal send off into the New Year at the Strings Attached Winter Concert.

The multi-school orchestral group, led by the new Strings Attached instructor Elizabeth Ehrman, maintains a proud tradition of winter concerts each and every year, and the 2013 edition was no exception. Classic pieces such as the "Ukrainian Bell Carol", the "Trepak" from the Nutcracker, and "Have

Yourselves a Merry Little Christmas" serenaded the audience, as well as several musical pieces included in the orchestra's upcoming trip to Italy in the year 2015.

The audience consisted of the families of the Strings students performing and members of the WHS faculty, drawn into the familiar songs announcing the arrival of the Christmas season and to the great emotions associated with

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Wilmington Hiker Rescued

Leaving detailed information
behind saved his life

BY SHARON ADELMAN
CROWLEY
Town Crier Correspondent

WILMINGTON - NEW HAMPSHIRE - Last week, New Hampshire Fish and Game officials reported the rescue of a lost hiker from Wilmington, Massachusetts.

Early Wednesday morning, 21-year-old David Fielding set out to hike the Falling Waters Trail, a popular 3.25 mile passage with steep and often slippery trails leading to the summit of Little Haystack Mountain.

A departure from a marked route brought Fielding into unknown territory and as a result the young hiker spent the night in arctic temperatures in New Hampshire's White

Mountains.

Thursday morning, at approximately 2 a.m., the Fish and Game Department was notified that Fielding was lost.

By daybreak, ten conservation officers from New Hampshire Fish and Game and ten volunteers from Mountain Rescue Service began a search. Approximately 12:30 p.m. Fielding was found by hikers who happened to cross his path, about 200 feet from the summit of Little Haystack Mountain. He was airlifted by an Army National Guard helicopter to Littleton Hospital. Authorities say that aside from mild hypothermia there were no major injuries.

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Ellie Gillis was happy to see Santa at the K of C on Saturday morning. (photo by Maureen Brady-www.shootingstarspix.com)

Work Out World plans Wilmington location

BY JAYNE W. MILLER
News Editor

WILMINGTON - After nearly a year of vacancy, the former Staples location at Wilmington Crossing may have a new tenant soon.

Work Out World, or W.O.W., applied for, and received, a waiver on a site plan review from the Planning Board for the Staples location, confirmed Planning Director Carole Hamilton.

The application marks the beginning stages of occupancy for the fitness center.

The Planning Board granted the site plan review waiver, said Hamilton, because the business was able to demonstrate that the parking required for its use along with the other businesses in the Wilmington Crossing shopping plaza could be adequately met with the already existing inventory.

Most of the changes will be inside the structure.

The Town Crier confirmed that the business has not applied for a 'fit-up' permit from the building department, effectively a building permit but applies only for improvements to the interior of the structure.

The Town Crier attempted to determine the opening date, but encountered a number of roadblocks. Other New England locations of Work Out World claim they are not affiliated with the Wilmington location, and the Crier was referred to an 800 number. That number offered only a call back from a "search representative", and when called back, the company charges \$3 per minute for information - a bizarre business practice.

The firm also did not leave contact information on the application for a waiver of a site plan review.

Another location in Tewksbury, at 533 Main Street, near Ocean State Job Lot, is in the works and is already accepting memberships online. Again, no details on when that location will be ready to open.

We did track down another number for Blast Fitness, the apparent parent company of Work Out World, and the person that answered referred us to another "corporate" number, which only accepted voicemail.

Stay tuned, Wilmington.

Cribbage at Wilmington Knights of Columbus hall

WILMINGTON - Is there a cribbage player in your house? The Wilmington Knights of Columbus are seeking new players for their Monday night game series.

They will resume their series on Monday Jan 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the members' quarters, weather permitting.

It's friendly games with players helping each other with counting and pegging. No cut-throat.

The members quarters' have been recently updated with big screen TVs (so you won't miss any sports action) and there is a cash bar to help quench your thirst.

If you are an adult who likes to play cribbage, you are invited to the Knights from some friendly competition. There is a \$3.00 entry fee. Cash prizes are awarded nightly.

For more info call Bob Ducey at 978-851-4985

Fee increase in Wilmington

WILMINGTON - As of January 1, 2014 the Wilmington Town Clerk's Office is announcing that

the fee for a certified copy of a birth, marriage or death is increasing from \$8.00 to \$10.00.



Kimberley Downs (far left) is the student artist and her subject and senior artist (far right) is Joan Murphy. The writers of the article are Casey McFail and Cora Vitale.

Photo by joebrownphotos.com

Senior Portraits

Intergenerational project fosters connections

BY JON BISHOP
Town Crier Correspondent

WILMINGTON—It was as if there was no age difference.

Seniors and high school students gathered at the Buzzell Senior Center last Thursday to view painted portraits of both age groups. There was no awkwardness; there were no gaps. Energy coursed through the place, for all knew each other, and all were comfortable.

They'd been involved in an intergenerational project since last October. Sara Serreze, an art teacher at the high school, and Megan Estrada, an English teacher, came up with it. Serreze wanted her students to paint pictures of the seniors. Estrada had hers write short biographies. But then the seniors decided to do their own.

Everyone loved it.

"I think it was a real hit," Serreze said. "The students have gotten really into it."

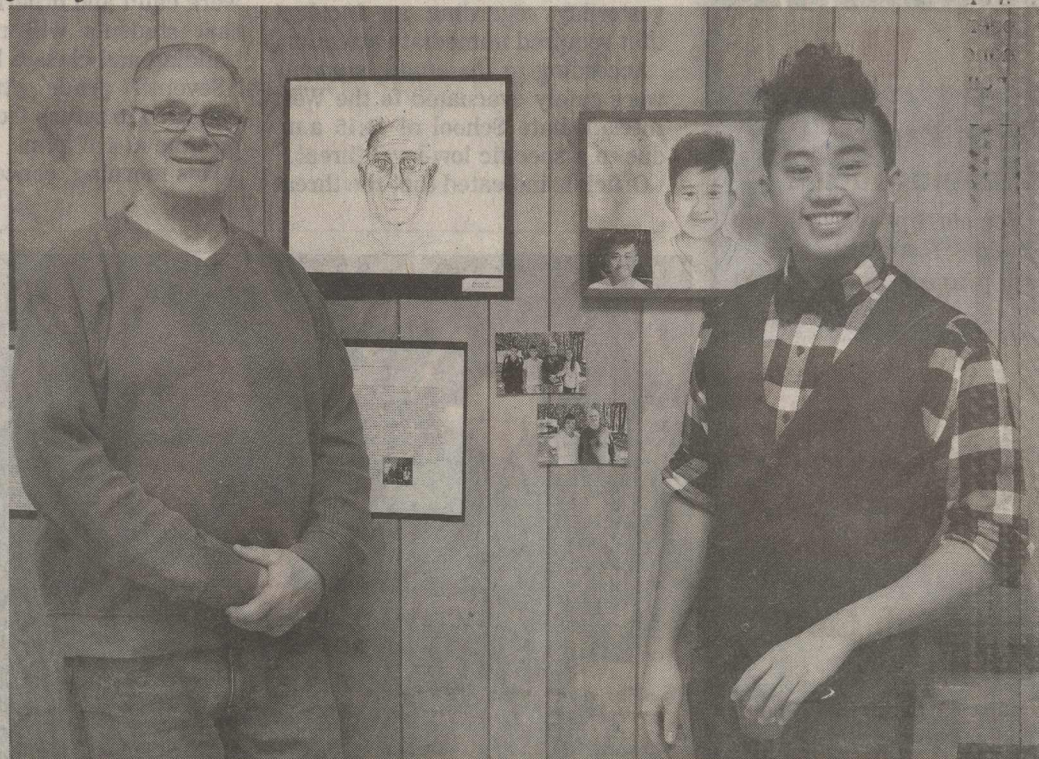
She said they "really tried to capture the personality of the seniors."

It showed. All the paintings were vibrant and lively. They looked professional.

But the connections made were far more important than any pieces painted.

"I think it was really important for the kids," she said, later adding that they "gained a lot of wisdom and insight from the elders."

Terri Marciello, Wilmington's Director of Elderly Services, agreed,



Subject and artist, artist and subject!

Roy Crowell (l) with WHS Student Sylvan Huynh.

Photo by joebrownphotos.com

noting that the students and teachers had done more than they knew.

"This was an awesome event," she said. "I don't know if you know the impact you've had on everybody."

And this won't be the last event of its kind.

"We're hoping we can continue with this connection we've established," Estrada said.

They want to start a book club, and their first selection will likely be Snow in August by Peter Hamill.

Madi Finn, a student, said

she is certainly eager to see the seniors again. She loves to read. So, she'll enjoy discussing the book with others, something she doesn't normally get to do.

She said going to Buzzell was a nice change of pace.

"We never really get to get out," she said.

Also, meeting the seniors was great.

"It was amazing to hear their experiences," she said. "They had the best time."

The feeling was mutual.

"I think it's great," said Virginia Young, a member

of the Senior Center. "I love the young folks. Getting to know them was good."

Thursday, for her, "was kind of exciting."

"They did a really good job on my painting," she said.

Superintendent Joanne Benton was impressed by all of it—the paintings, the quality of which she called "amazing," and the event.

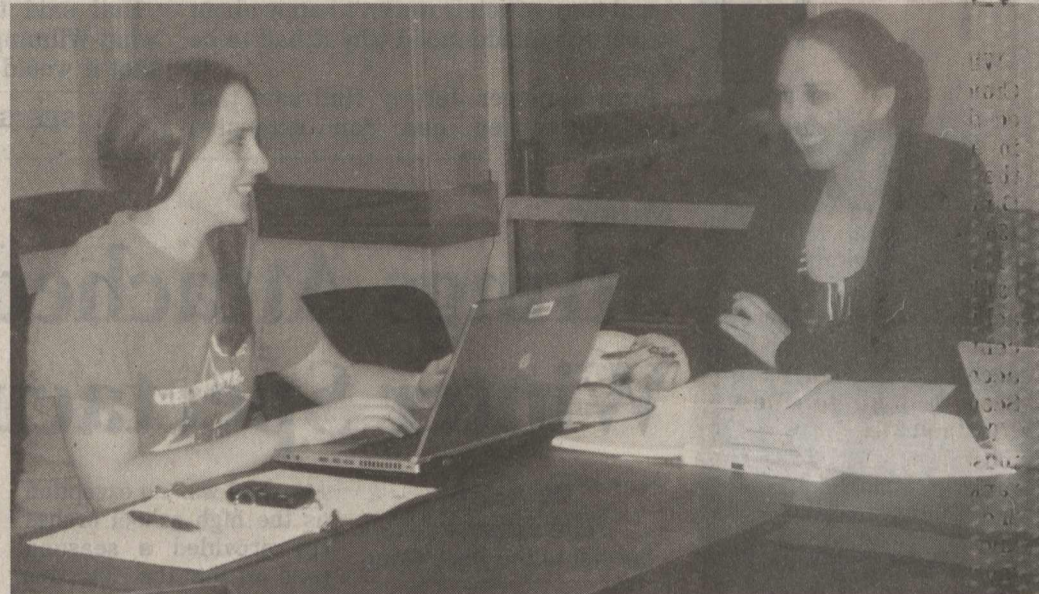
"It is truly amazing," she said. "When you talk about intergenerational, this describes it."

Relay For Life of Wilmington Announces New Leadership

WILMINGTON - Kaitlyn Riley is the new Chairperson of the Relay For Life of Wilmington. She replaces Joe Martiniello who successfully ran the event since its inception in 2009. Riley has also been a part of the Wilmington annual event for the past five years as a team member and a planning committee member.

Riley's Relay participation actually began much earlier than that. As a 10-year old child, she attended the Burlington Relay For Life. In 2006, she had her first fund-raising team. She knew she wanted a larger role in this important campaign to honor survivors and fight back against cancer, so she is extremely excited with her opportunity to be chairperson. "I've worked on similar events in college, and I'll be able to carry over that experience too," she explains.

Also new to Wilmington Relay this year is the American Cancer Society representative, Julie Rauseo. Rauseo has been working with ACS for two



Kaitlyn Riley, the new Chairperson (left) and Julie Rauseo, American Cancer Society representative (right) discuss plans for the 2014 Relay for Life of Wilmington. The Kick Off for next summer's event will be held January 15th at 6:30 PM in the Wilmington Middle School cafeteria.

Courtesy Photo

years and was a volunteer with Relay For Life for three years prior. She is originally from Tewksbury. "Wilmington has really embraced Relay For Life, and it shows not only in the participant and visitor num-

bers, but also the amount the event has been able to raise in only five years. "she excitedly states. "It truly is amazing!"

To meet Riley and Rauseo and to learn more about Relay For Life, the public is

invited to attend the Kickoff Celebration on January 15 at the Wilmington Middle School from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Visit www.wilmingtonrfl.com for more information.

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WHAT THE SUPREME COURT DECISION MEANS

The Supreme Court decision that struck down the Defense of Marriage Act had many tax and benefit implications as well as social ones.

Same-sex married couples can file their taxes jointly, which generally results in a lower tax bill. Married same-sex couples will be able to use the unlimited estate-tax marital deduction and can utilize the portability election so that, at the death of one spouse, any unused gift and estate tax exemptions can pass to the other. They can gift each other tax free.

Same-sex couples will be eligible for tax-free employer health coverage and can be reimbursed from their health flexible spending accounts. Retirement plans will be affected, too: spousal contributions and spousal inheritance are allowed.

These are federal rules; how same-sex couples will fare in states that don't recognize their marriages is in question.

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Jacob Trudeau enjoyed the hand made wooden puzzles made by Andy Scharmer that were for sale at the Congregational Church on Saturday. (photo by Maureen Brady-www.shootingstarspix.com)

Four residents named to honor roll at Bishop Fenwick

Bishop Fenwick High School has announced that four students from Wilmington have recently been named to the school's honor roll, making the grade include senior Benjamin

Willis (first honors), sophomore Lindsay Donahue (first honors), senior Caitlin Parrott (second honors) and freshman Julie DiFronzo (second honors).



Just two winter storms behind us and already the snow banks are higher than Makayla Nolan and Samantha Polcaro are tall. (photo by Maureen Brady-www.shootingstarspix.com)

John Cimeno awarded BSA highest rank, Eagle Scout

Wilmington resident, John Cimeno was recently awarded the Rank of Eagle Scout in a ceremony held during the annual Thanksgiving Dinner by Boy Scout Troop 136.

Eagle Scout is the highest rank a Boy Scout can achieve and only four percent of all Boy Scouts accomplish this level of Scouting.

To earn this honor a scout must progress through the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star, and Life to get to Eagle. He must also earn at least 21 Merit Badges, be an officer in his Troop and complete his Eagle Scout project before his 18th birthday.

Cimeno was involved with scouting for eleven years in both Cub and Boy Scouts and was a member of The Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scout Honor Society.

In his Troop John held the offices of Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Historian.

In conjunction with the

Archdiocese of Boston and the Boy Scouts of America, John also received the Al Altare Dei Medal, which is awarded to a Boy Scout who best exemplifies the teaching of the Catholic Church and the BSA.

The Eagle Scout Court of Honor was presided over by the Troop Secretary and Treasurer, Frank Palazzi. Scoutmaster Mark Fregeau, an Eagle Scout himself, presented the Eagle Scout Medal and Certificate to John. The American Legion Good Citizenship Medal and Citation was awarded by American Legion Vice Commander Michael Kelley. Frank West, Captain of the Wilmington Company of Minutemen, presented Cimeno with commemorative memorabilia.

Cimeno's Eagle Scout project benefited The Harden Tavern and the Wilmington Minutemen. In addition, Cimeno received a United States Flag that was flown over the United States Capitol.

Help Military Families with snow removal

This winter show your appreciation for our troops by supporting Project EverGreen's SnowCare for Troops campaign, a community-based program that matches contractor and citizen volunteers with military families to provide free snow removal services. SnowCare for Troops (SCFT) is open to military families with a service member in active deployment and is underwritten by THE BOSS Snowplow.

With today's U.S. military characterized by leaner

forces and longer deployments compared to the military's post World War II era, this places increased stress on the family members left to manage household tasks on the home front. SCFT was established to help ease the burden during the winter months for the nation's 175,000 active-duty troops serving overseas.

Now entering its fourth year, the SCFT campaign currently has about 3,750 families and 1,400 volunteers signed up to participate in the program nationwide.

Project EverGreen matches registered military families with local volunteers to provide free snow removal services.

Volunteers who want to join the cause can sign up online by visiting SnowCare for Troops. In addition to volunteer participation, donations of money or gas cards as well as loans of snow removal equipment to volunteers and community groups are also welcome.

"It's easy to take all of the everyday things like snow shoveling for granted, but

when these tasks and other household chores fall to the family member left behind during a deployment the added stress takes a toll. Through SnowCare for Troops and our dedicated volunteer network that's one small burden lifted from their shoulders."

To learn more about Project EverGreen's SnowCare for Troops or to sign up to become a volunteer visit the organization's online registration page at projectevergreen.org/programs/scft/.

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Editorial

Fun on the Fourth

Last week the Town Crier broke the news that the Fourth of July committee voted to cancel the Fun on the Fourth event for 2014. The reaction was swift and unpleasant - the people of

Wilmington are attached to this fine tradition and rightfully so.

However, Town Manager Jeff Hull knows it is incumbent upon town officials to protect the investment in

Wilmington's buildings and properties from potential damage. And there's some history behind that decision.

In 2012, Pyrotechnico, the fireworks company used in Wilmington, was suspended by the State Fire Marshall Stephen Coan for one year based on the conduct of its employees who left unexploded ordinance on fireworks grounds in multiple Massachusetts communities, endangering residents and town officials alike.

A few years before that, a carnival employee raped a Wilmington resident, a young woman, during the carnival.

Each time adversity has affected the event, the Fourth of July Committee, together with local non-profit groups and residents, have rallied to resolve issues and offer an outstanding patriotic week-long event annually. They've done a great job, even considering last year's cancellation of the carnival - and the estimated \$40,000 it raised.

Wilmington leaders, having identified the need for more open space and playing

fields, have been working hard to acquire lands where available, including the Yentile and St. Dorothy's properties. Perhaps in years to come those sites will be available for Fourth of July activities.

For 2014, though, the disappointment in the cancellation will be keenly felt. Tewksbury, however, had a different problem. The town stopped providing fireworks for budgetary purposes, and, consequently, fundraising efforts, which did not include carnivals, waned. While funding may not be available in Tewksbury, land is plentiful. The Livingston Street Recreation Center and surrounding fields offer abundant space for Fourth of July activities.

Consider this for a moment. Wilmington's organizational expertise. Tewksbury's protected open space. Two great tastes that taste great together?

The truth is that when folks volunteer their time and talent, and often, their treasure, to do things for their community, sometimes these setbacks can feel personal, and volunteers will sometimes decide to pull back. With as well-oiled a machine as the Fourth of July Committee, this monkey wrench will, I hope, not derail a proud tradition well-loved in Wilmington. Perhaps a little partnership among towns could provide a satisfactory, interim solution.



I forgot how much I hated shoveling snow until last weekend's storm dropped eight inches of heavy white stuff on my doorstep. Of course the television news stations began promoting the storm on Friday, just in time to get everyone on edge for the weekend. It seemed the weather forecast was a marketing ploy to drum up business for local businesses because stores were packed with frantic shoppers already under the gun with the holiday deadline rapidly approaching. On Saturday I had to stop in the grocery store for one item I couldn't live without (flatbread sandwich rolls, okay I guess I could have survived). Thank God for the 12 Items or Less lane.

Some people were happy about the "perfect" timing of the Sunday morning storm. Not me. On Sunday mornings I should be drinking coffee and watching Sleepy Hollow on DVR or reading the newspaper while trying to come up with cartoon ideas. Instead I was shoveling the driveway while my son was away at work (talk about perfect timing). My wife had to leave for work at 8:00 am which left me no time for coffee or breakfast before I braved the wintry weather. I gathered my trusty snow removal items from the shed - my "electric shovel" which is kind of like a regular shovel only fifty times heavier, and my electric "mini snow-blower". It blows snow but there is no forward or backward traction so you have to push it through the snow manually. I figure by the end of the winter I should look like a pre-governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (more realistically, I'll just look like a tired old guy - kind of what Arnold looks like now come to think of it).

All of this leads to talk of selling my house and buying a condo, a notion I would not even consider a short time ago. Several signs (and my wife's not-so-subtle hints) have been pointing me in that direc-

A Condo for Christmas

by Scott Mullooney



tion. Last summer I mistakenly said to my wife in casual conversation, "You know, in today's world, all you really need is a big living room with a giant television." My wife seized that little nugget of conversation like a pit bull on a mailman's ankle. Suddenly, viewing Open Houses at condominium complexes has been added to my free time agenda. Just to "look", of course.

Could there be a condo in my future? I already have someone scheduled to take care of my leaves in the Fall, and I'm looking at flyers from snow removal companies for this winter. Even though I said I would never sell my house and move into a building, the positives of condo life are beginning to outweigh the negatives.

It didn't help that I attended a Christmas party with co-workers at my friend Matt's luxurious condo in Lynnfield. The place held a large crowd of people comfortably with room to spare. I could easily see myself living in a place like that. But I'd be giving up a lot (a great neighborhood, a private backyard, owning a piece of land to pass down to future generations who will miss out on knowing what it's like to visit grandma and grandpa in a

real house. Of course, during the next storm, my son will be living in his condo in Andover with someone plowing and shoveling for him while he's drinking beer and watching football on his big screen television. Apparently he did learn something from me.

As I was shoveling on Sunday morning, I thought I overexerted myself because everything began to go dark. I realized it was the transition lenses in my eyeglasses adjusting to the light. I took them off to make sure, and I thought I saw an angel in the sky. She was all glorious yellow and gold and she was singing "Buy a condo! Buy a condo!" in a sweet melodic voice. I rubbed my eyes and looked up at the sky again and realized it was only the sun trying to break through the clouds.

'Twas the Night Before

(with apologies to Clement Moore)

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the 'hood, Not a resident was stirring, they were all being good. The students were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of a new high school danced in their heads.

I picked up my Town Crier and settled down for a nap. But after a short dream, I awoke in a snap. From down at the Town Hall, there arose such a clatter. I turned on the TV to see what was the matter.

When, what to my wondering eyes should appear, But a report that a new court appeal was near. Not again; could this be someone's cruel trick. I knew in a moment, it must be ended quick.

The judge soon let us know we had nothing to dread. The DEP was right; this final appeal was dead. It's over, it's finally their last call. Now go away, go away, naysayers all.

More rapid than eagles, the contractors soon came. To stop the project now would be a shame. And then in a twinkling, the old gym was gone. The football field was soon finished; game on.

And I heard someone exclaim as 2013 faded from sight, "Merry Christmas to Wilmington and to all good night"

George R. Allan
Wilmington

Festival of Trees Thanks

Dear Editor,

It is with deep appreciation that Women of Wilmington (WOW) is sending this letter of thanks to the many volunteers, donors, entertainers and visitors who made our 3rd Annual Festival of Trees the most successful to date!

The 2013 Festival featured a record number of nearly 90 beautifully decorated trees, wreaths, and baskets; an appearance by Mrs. Claus; and musical performances by the WOW children, High School Clarinet Trio, and Wilmington Strings Attached.

The beautifully decorated trees, created by WOW members, supporters and

local businesses, were breathtaking and inspired everyone who saw them. We are grateful for the hours and hours of time spent to make the Festival so magical.

Proceeds from the Festival of Trees supports our holiday gift giving program, our high school scholarships and various other charitable initiatives WOW sponsors throughout the year.

In this season of giving, we are grateful for all we have received.

Happy Holidays!
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Let's Talk About Hearing

by Lolly Wigall

Noisy toys can cause hearing loss

The Sight and Hearing Association of St. Paul, Minnesota tests toys for potentially dangerous noise levels. This non-profit association is dedicated to preventing loss of sight and loss of hearing in children. On their website they list toys that may harm hearing or vision of children.

The Association tested 18 toys with potentially harmful loud noises. The two worst were the Bell Riderz Block Blaster which tested at 129.2 dB, and the Cars Shake 'N Go Ramone which tested at 119.5 dB. There were seven toys that tested at over 100dB. These levels could cause permanent hearing loss.

Children have shorter arms than adults. If you are at the store and want to listen to a toy, remember that the toy will probably be louder to a child, just due to proximity to their ears. Remember children often put toys near their ears and faces to see and hear the noises the toys make. It is important to be aware you may be harming your child's hearing if you purchase a toy that makes excessively loud noises.

It is interesting to note that the Consumer Product Safety Commission does not regulate the toy loudness. There is a voluntary standard about hand-held, crib or table-top toys. This voluntary standard states the noise level should not exceed 90dB. But, 90dB is the same loudness as a power chain saw. How many parents

would knowingly put a something as loud as a power tool next to their child's ear?

According to the American Academy of Audiology moderate noise levels for normal conversational speech is about 60dB. Loud noises such as vacuum cleaners and traffic noise usually comes in at 70dB. Lawnmowers, power tools, hair dryers and blenders top out at 90dB. Car horns and most concerts range up to 110dB. Jet planes during takeoff are at 120dB. Ambulances and jackhammers hit 130dB. Topping the scale at 140dB are fireworks, gun shots and custom car stereos as full volume.

It is important to know that any noise over 85dB can cause permanent hearing loss. Purchase toys that do not cause hearing loss. Think long term of your child's well being and health. Noisy toys can cause permanent hearing loss. So, buy your children quiet toys, and you will be happier too!

Thank You

Dear Editor

I would like to thank the Tewksbury funeral Home, the Tewksbury and Wilmington Police, Wilmington Knights of Columbus 4982, Rocco's

Restaurant, St. Dorothy's Church, Father Earley, my family and friends for all their support during my husband, Jim "Indeed" O'Leary's illness and death. Midge O'Leary

Thanks to Scouts

Dear Editor,

The Wilmington Housing Authority would like to thank Mark Fregeau and Troop #136 along with Tom Gorham and PAC #136. Every year on Veterans Day these young men and their families take the time to rake and clean up the leaves at Deming Way after they

participate in the annual Town Veterans Day events. The board of commissioners, staff, and the tenants of the Wilmington Housing Authority really appreciate this service.

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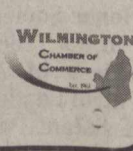
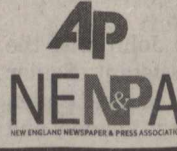
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10 Tips for Safe Walking in Snow & Ice

Falls account for more than one million injuries in the U.S. annually. There are four types of walking accidents with the most common being the slip and fall. That's the type of fall that happens when you fall due to a surface not cleared of snow or ice.

"Every winter the hazards of driving in snow and icy conditions are noted, but rarely is walking on snow and ice addressed," said Martin B. Tirado, CAE, Executive Director of the Snow & Ice Management Association (SIMA).

"Slipping and falling while walking accounts for a large number of winter-related injuries and can have an impact on the quality of life for the injured person."

SIMA, the national non-profit organization representing the snow removal industry, has some tips on safe winter walking.

•Wear proper footwear.

Proper footwear should place the entire foot on the

surface of the ground and have visible treads. Avoid a smooth sole and opt for a heavy treaded shoe with a flat bottom.

•Accessorize to see and be seen.

Wear sunglasses so that you can see in the reflective light of the snow. Also, wear a bright coat or scarf so that drivers can easily see you.

•Plan ahead.

While walking on snow or ice on sidewalks or in parking lots, walk consciously. Instead of looking down, look up and see where your feet will move next to anticipate ice or an uneven surface. Occasionally scan from left to right to ensure you are not in the way of vehicles or other hazards.

•Make sure you can hear.

While seeing the environment is important, you also want to be sure you can hear approaching traffic and other noises. Avoid listening to music or engaging in conversation that may prevent you from hearing oncoming

traffic or snow removal equipment.

•Anticipate ice.

Be weary of thin sheets of ice that may appear as wet pavement (black ice). Often ice will appear in the morning, in shady spots or where the sun shines during the day and melted snow refreezes at night.

•Walk steps slowly.

When walking down steps, be sure to grip handrails firmly and plant your feet securely on each step.

•Enter a building carefully.

When you get to your destination such as school, work, shopping center, etc., be sure to look at the floor as you enter the building. The floor may be wet with melted snow and ice.

•Be careful when you shift your weight.

When stepping off a curb or getting into a car, be careful since shifting your weight may cause an imbalance and result in a fall.

•Avoid taking shortcuts.

Shortcuts are a good idea if you are in a hurry, but may be a bad idea if there is snow and ice on the ground. A shortcut path may be treacherous because it is likely to be located where

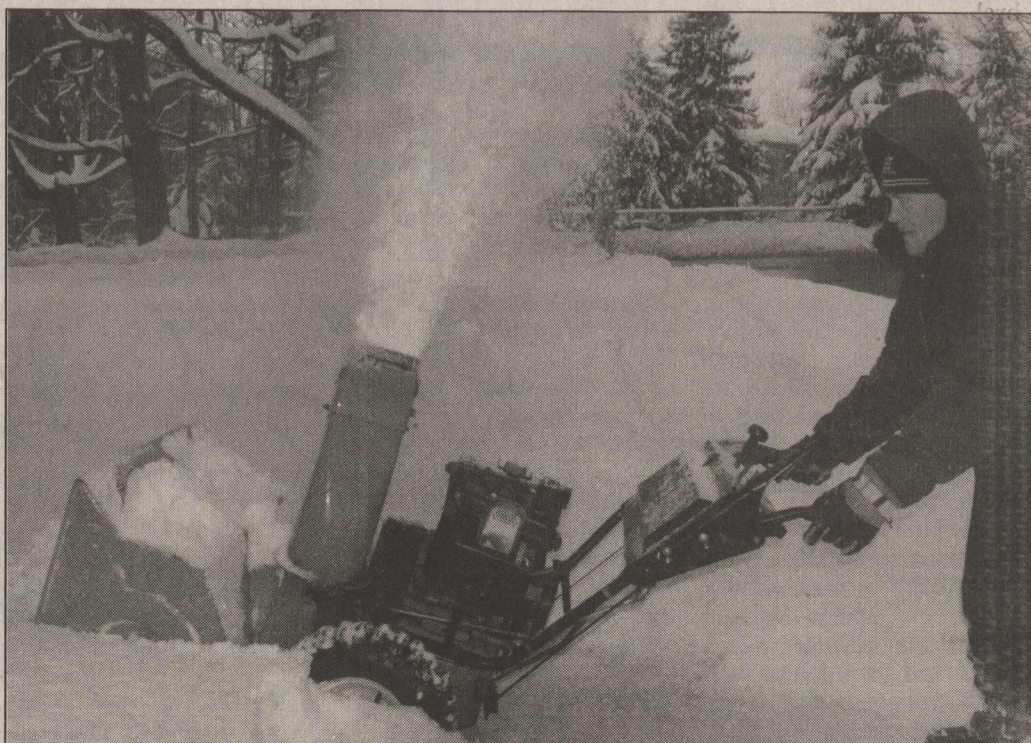
snow and ice removal is not possible.

•Look up.

Be careful about what you walk under. Injuries also can result from falling snow/ice as it blows, melts, or breaks away from

awnings, buildings, etc.

Following these tips will help ensure that you survive the snow and ice season safely. For more snow and ice removal tips, visit the Snow and Ice Management Association.



Wilmington resident, Gerald Kuzlitsky, took on a snow bank with his snow blower at the end of his driveway on Wednesday morning.

(photo by Maureen Brady-www.shootingstarspix.com)

Feds announce shutdown of 52 companies in 2013

Lynette's looking forward to returning to service soon

By JAYNE MILLER
Town Crier News Editor

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Federal bus safety regulators have shut down 52 companies in 2013, in what they describe as a major nationwide crackdown on unsafe outfits, including lines whose drivers had suspended licenses or worked routes of more than 800 miles without rest.

One of the companies shut down was Wilmington-based Lynette's Limousine. The others in Massachusetts were Furtado Bus Lines, MTZ Tours and Sovereign Transportation.

The Town Crier reported on the shutdown in July. Despite widespread media reports late last week, this release from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) offers nothing new. Lynette's Limousine Service was cited earlier this year for violations, mostly stemming from a driver not wearing a

seat belt or not having a medical certificate in the vehicle while it is in operation.

The Town Crier confirmed with Duane DeBruyne, a spokesman for the FMCSA, that Lynette's inclusion on the list was more a reflection of the events of the agency over the course of the year.

"We are on the process of going thru a final inspection of vehicles. Once completed, we will be able to return to service," said Lynette Baudanza, Owner of Lynette's Limousine Service, in an email to the Town Crier. "FMCSA was extremely pleased with our compliance action plan, and everyone at Lynette's are excited to return to serving our wonderful clients."

"As much of a wrench the stop order was, it truly helped us improve operations overall (not that there were any deficiencies) but the education we have received was welcomed."

Overall, the motor coach industry carries about 700 million passengers a year in the U.S., roughly the same as domestic airlines.

In April, the agency began scrutinizing 250 motor coach companies with poor safety records out of the approximately 4,000 interstate bus lines it regulates.

"Operation Quick Strike" came partly in response to major crashes of carriers that, despite dismal safety records, the agency had let continue operating.

The agency said that for the campaign, it trained more than 50 inspectors to look more closely at motor coach companies, and as a result, investigations which in the past might have been done in a few days in some cases took a few weeks.

Lynette's is hoping to reopen soon following improvements to operations.

The agency said that of the more than 1,300 buses inspected, 340 were taken off the road at least temporarily.

Congressman Tierney Comments on the First Anniversary of the Newtown School Shooting

(Editor's Note: This statement from Congressman Tierney was received after last week's edition went to press).

Washington, DC- On the eve of his address to the Mom's Demand Action remembrance rally in Boston, Congressman John F. Tierney today released the following statement on the first anniversary of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut:

"On this first anniversary of the senseless act of violence that occurred at the Sandy Hook Elementary

School, my deepest sympathies remain with the families and loved ones of the 26 innocent victims. While many people, including myself, had hoped that this tragedy would bring about a renewed sense of urgency to reform our nation's gun laws, the hard truth is that resistance to these efforts has left our communities vulnerable to new violence. The fact that twenty-six school shootings have occurred since Newtown highlights the desperate need for smart and responsible reforms to our gun laws. Too many communities have

been torn apart by these horrible, but often preventable, acts of gun violence. Implementing common-sense reforms such as universal background checks, reinstating the ban on assault weapons, and making guns safer by personalizing them to their owners would be appropriate and long-overdue ways to honor the victims of Newtown and other acts of gun violence. Congress should not wait for another tragedy to move forward on these potentially life-saving reforms."

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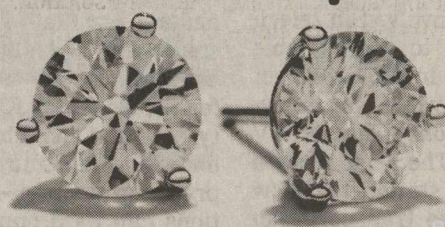
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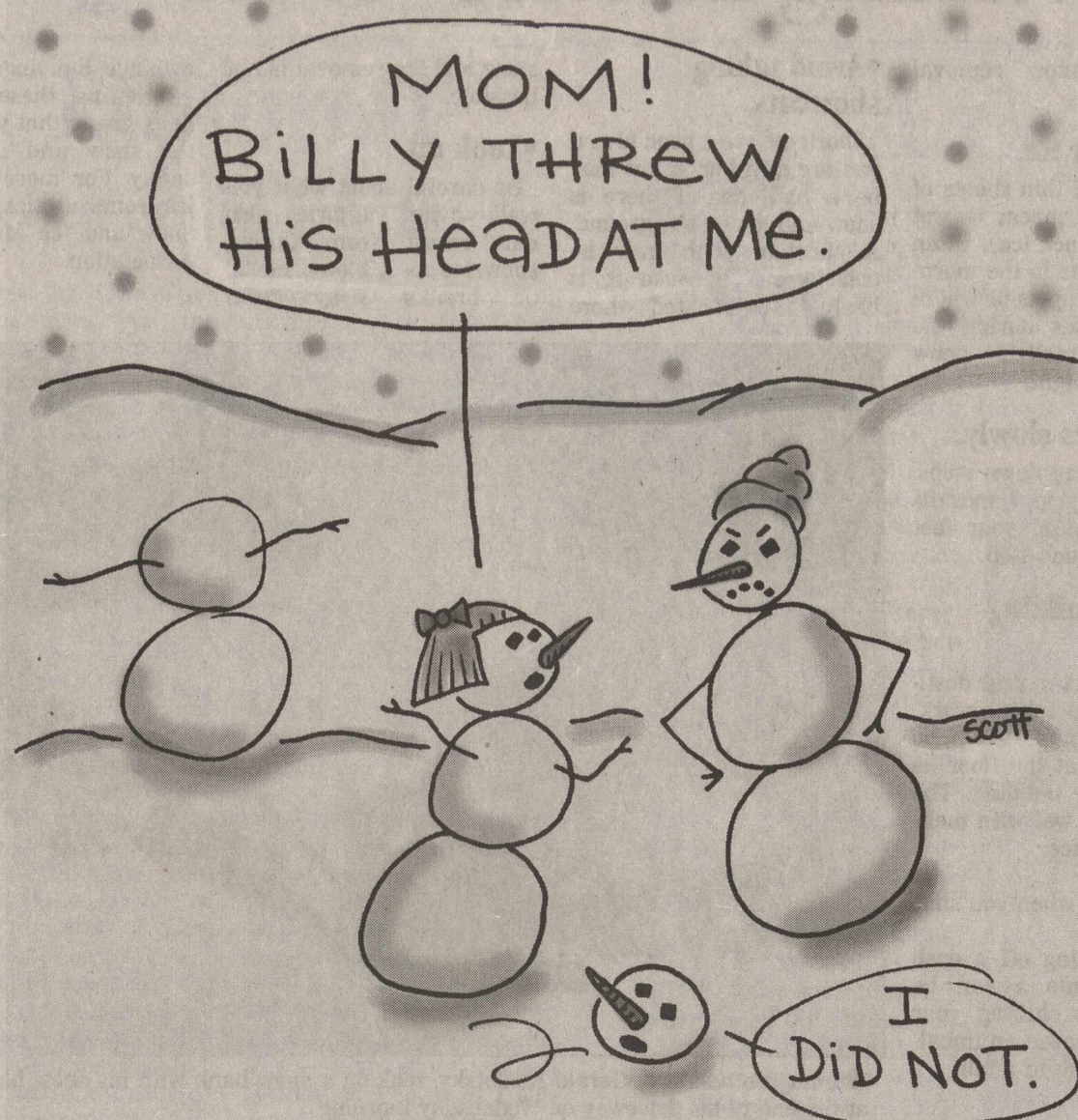
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Your Two Cents...

Fireworks Disappointment



Such a tremendous disappointment when I read last week's Town Crier concerning the end of the annual July 4th festivities! Little did I know that when I voted in FAVOR for building a new high school I was trading the entire Wilmington Fun on the Fourth Event! I voted in good faith for supposedly securing a better future for my children's education, but had no idea that I was stopping an event that I have enjoyed from my past as a child and then blessed enough to enjoy it with my children who look forward to it every summer! Since people are concerned with the taxpayers' investment, maybe we should be able to vote if we want to have Fun on the Fourth this summer and years to come. If not at the high school, let's put the "Open Space" at either the Yentile Farm or Saint Dorothy's properties to good use?!!

-Wilmington



Community Calendar

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Fun on the Fourth Cancelled?



Can I take back my vote? This is a tragic consequence of building a new high school. The week-long events are the very essence of what makes Wilmington one of the best towns to grow up in. Should this possibility have been acknowledged during the process of approving a new high school?

-Wilmington

Wilmington:

WCTV Internship Opportunities

Beginning now! Have you ever wanted to be on or just involved in television? Want to get valuable knowledge in the field of technology while also enjoying the lessons? Then WCTV is for you! The popular town television station is now offering free transportation to its location on 10 Waltham St. to students at Wilmington High School, where students can learn to operate recording technology to make their own videos online or on TV! This opportunity is totally free, and participants are eligible for community service and are eligible for the annual WCTV scholarship! Be sure to contact the studio at 978-657-4066 or kbernardo@wctv.org.

Red Cross Blood Drive

December 21st; From 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
The Red Cross Foundation will be holding a Blood Drive to help benefit those in need of blood transfusions at the Wilmington Congregational Church, located on 220 Middlesex Ave. Come down to give your own blood to help another in need during the Christmas season. To make an appointment, be sure to go to the Red Cross website at www.redcrossblood.org or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

"All You Can Read" Buffet

December 30th; 1:00 PM
Is your child a vigorous reader who can't put a good book down until he's finished all of it? Then you should bring him or her to the Wilmington Public Library at 1:00 PM to join an ever-popular reading marathon, complete with comfortable reading conditions and tasty snacks to accompany the heavy reading. This read-a-thon is intended for kids in grades 3, 4, and 5; be sure to register online at the library's website!

Coats For Kids Winter Collection

Until January 11th, 2014

Each year, many children must endure the hardships of a cold New England winter without any form of coat or jacket to ward off the stinging effects of the low temperatures. To prevent any child from having to endure such misery, WCTV studio at 10 Waltham St. is collection lightly used coats for the Coats for Kids charity, so that no child must endure the cold without proper protection. All donations can be dropped off at the Coats for Kids collection box at the WCTV office on 10 Waltham St.; your donation can help make a child's winter all the more safe and comfortable. Donate today!

Cooking Class for WHS Students

Jan. 16th; 2:20 PM-3:50 PM
As a new addition to WHS, that isn't the actual new school itself, Wilmington High School will be offering a cooking class to all of its students after school January 16th to learn how to cook some delicious meals! Participants will learn how to make pasta and ravioli, and will leave the course with the knowledge to create both a and a box of homemade ravioli! The class will be held in the Consumer Science classroom at WHS; to register, contact Wilmington Rec. for more information.

Comedy Night Fundraiser

February 7th
Looking to laugh a little bit in the upcoming Valentine's Day season? Then make sure to head to the Tewksbury Elks to see a great night of comedy showcasing three of New England's finest comedians, with headliner Paul D'Angelo as the main funny guy of the night. To make the already impressive lineup more stunning, Wilmington's own Steve Bjork will serve as the master of ceremonies, ensuring that from start to finish, you'll be laughing like it's going out of style! Tickets are \$20 per person; be sure to bring your own snacks for the table! Cash bar and raffles included; for more information contact Kevin at 978-657-7734.

Tewksbury:

Singalong Show at the Tewksbury Public Library

Dec. 23rd; 2 PM to 3 PM
Bring your children down to the Tewksbury Public Library, found on 300 Chandler St., to enjoy a fun singalong with Miss Noelle and Miss Amy to help celebrate the Christmas season and to give your children's voices a good exercise! Free.

Family Movie Marathon

Dec. 27th; 10:30AM-4 PM
The Tewksbury Public Library will be hosting a Double Feature Family Movie Marathon, including Disney's Planes and Despicable Me 2 starting at 10:30 AM and ending at 4:00 PM. Come bring the whole family down with blankets, pillows, and popcorn to enjoy two great family movies everyone can enjoy! Proper movie behavior is expected at all times during the marathon.

Empty Bowls Fundraiser

January 4th; 10:00 AM
In an effort to raise funds to benefit the Greater Lowell Empty Bowls Organization, a non profit group with the main goal of combating hunger, the Magic Brush Pottery and Fused Glass ceramics store will be crafting and selling hand made pottery bowls for sale, which participants in the fundraiser can paint, with all proceeds going to benefit the Greater Lowell Empty Bowls organization. Come down and battle hunger with your painted bowl.

"Gardening Is Murder" Presentation by Neil Sanders

January 8th; 7:00 PM
Has the world of gardening in the outdoor, homemade garden ever mystified you? Has gardening caused you a great deal of annoyance? Then this open to the public presentation on the many ups and downs of horticulture out back with Neil Sanders, author of six mystery novels. Join Sanders in a humorous and insightful look into the world of gardening, and why Sanders

believes gardening is comparable to murder! Admission to get into the presentation is only one non perishable food donation to the Tewksbury Food Pantry; the general public is invited to attend!

Merrimack Area:

Andover:

Performance of "The Nutcracker"

December 21st; 2:30 PM
Looking to enjoy a fun time with the family while also viewing one of the most renowned Christmastime performances known around the world? Then you need to attend the Dance Prism's presentation of "The Nutcracker", held at the J. Everett Collins center, located on 100 Shawshen Rd. in Andover. Tickets are available at the center and by calling 978-371-1038 for \$24 for adults and \$18 for kids and seniors. Be sure to come view one of Tchaikovsky's classic works in action!

Nourishing Energy Presentation

January 9th, 2014; 6:30 PM
Looking to find new ways to get nourished and energized throughout the day? Then you should head to The Center, located at Punchard, on 30 Whittier Court in Andover. Learn how to become more energized throughout the day in a far healthier way for only \$5 paid at the location of the event. Be sure to come down to attend an excellent and cost-efficient learning opportunity that will benefit you in many ways.

North Andover:

Winter Solstice Celebration

December 21st
The Winter Solstice each year is a special time for the planet; the daytime is the shortest it will ever be all year, and the transition from winter to the gradual shifting to Spring begins to occur. The Harold Parker State Forest, located on 1951 Turnpike St., will be holding a Winter Solstice Celebration recognizing this particular day of the year

Want your opinion heard?

Send Letters to the Editor to:

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from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM, teaching attendees about this day of the year while also taking a short hike before settling down to talk about the solstice at exactly 4:15 PM, or sunset. Be sure to bring hiking boots; hot chocolate will be provided!

Woburn: Cat and Kitten Adoptions

December 21st; 11:00 AM
Every year, many animal pets are either cruelly mistreated by their owners and removed from their dangerous environments or found on the streets without a place to call home. You can help these animals, particularly cats and kittens, by going to the Petsmart Pet Store, located on 114 Commerce Way in Woburn. Be sure to visit the group's website at www.woburnferalcats.org.

Reading:

Improve-Saurus Comedy Show
December 20th; 7:00 PM
Looking for a little bit of laughter this holiday sea-

son? The Reading Memorial High School's improv comedy group will be holding its winter showing at the William E. Endsley Performing Arts Center, located on 62 Oakland Rd. in Reading. Tickets for the show are available at the door for a \$5 admission price per person, so make sure to take advantage of this opportunity and get ready to laugh all the way back home!

Wakefield:

Bread of Life Fundraiser
Jan. 19th; 4:00 PM-7:00 PM
If you've been looking to help contribute to a good cause this holiday season, and are looking to enjoy quality good at the same time, then be sure to head down to the Dockside Restaurant in Wakefield to eat your night's dinner meal. From 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, 10% of all proceeds the restaurant makes will be donated to the Bread of Life foundation to aid those in need this holiday season. Make sure to help a great cause while also eating great food!

Wilmington's Ashley LaCambria in "Miracle on 34th Street"



Wilmington's Ashley LaCambria is a charming bag lady who meets Kris Kringle (Rick Sherburne of Burlington). Courtesy Photo

WILMINGTON/BURLINGTON - The Winnmere Family Theater production of "Miracle on 34th Street" features Wilmington resident Ashley LaCambria in its cast. The show is perfect for the whole family and runs

through December 21, with Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30 pm and 3 pm matinees on Saturday and Sunday at the Park Playhouse, One Edgemere Avenue, in Burlington. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$9 for seniors, students

and children. Call 781-229-2649, email "tickets@burlingtonplayers.com" or buy on-line at burlingtonplayers.com. Winnmere Family Theater is a non-profit, 501(c)(3), educational corporation.

Better Business Bureau tips Avoid Gift Card Pitfalls this Holiday Season

Finding the perfect gift during the holiday season is not an easy task. Gift cards are a hassle-free present that allows the recipient to choose something they really want or need. Better Business Bureau serving Eastern MA, ME, RI and VT (BBB) offers tips on how to choose a gift card that will best suit the both the gifter and recipient.

"When purchasing a gift card, it is important to choose the right one for the recipient," stated Paula Fleming, Vice President of Communications and Marketing for the local BBB. "Consumers need to understand the type of gift card they are purchasing, as well as, the fine print and policies associated with it."

Giving gift cards has been on the rise for years and according to the National Retail Federation, consumers will spend roughly \$29.8 billion on gift cards this year. The survey also states that gas station, department stores and restaurants are top choices for gift cards. Gift cards are popular for their convenience and the freedom they give to the recipient.

BBB offers the following tips when purchasing a gift card:

- Inspect the card before buying it. Verify that no protective stickers have been removed, and that the codes on the back of the card haven't been scratched off to reveal a PIN number. Report any damaged cards to the store selling the cards.
- Know the rules. Understand the different types of gift cards: retail gift cards, which can only be redeemed at the retailers and restaurants that sell them; and bank gift cards, which carry the logo of a payment card network such as American Express, MasterCard or Visa and can be used wherever the brand is accepted.
- Check it out. Make sure you are buying from a known and trusted source. Always check out a business at bbb.org. Avoid online auction sites, because the cards sold there may be counterfeit or may have been obtained fraudulently.
- Read the fine print before buying. Is there a fee to buy

the card? Are there shipping and handling fees for cards bought by phone or online? Will any fees be deducted from the card after it is purchased?

- Provide the recipient with back up. Give the recipient the original receipt in case the card is later lost or stolen. Also, before you buy retail gift cards, consider the financial condition of the retailer or restaurant. A card from a business that files for bankruptcy or goes out of business may be worthless. If the business closes a store near the recipient, it may be hard to find another location where the card can be used.

- Treat the gift card like cash. It's important to report lost or stolen cards to the issuer immediately. Some issuers will not replace cards that are lost or stolen, while other issuers will, for a fee. Make sure to use gift cards as soon as possible, because it's not unusual to lose or forget about them.

For more advice on finding reputable businesses around the holidays, visit bbb.org.

After two years Former Chief Financial Officers of Merrimack Education Center charged with pension fraud

BOSTON - After more than two years, finally a person is being held accountable for massive waste and abuse at an educational collaborative that served students from across the Merrimack Valley, including Tewksbury.

A former senior executive at Merrimack Education Center (MEC) was charged Tuesday in federal court in connection with a fraud on the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' pension system, says the US Attorney Carmen Ortiz in a statement issued late Tuesday.

Carl A. Nystrom, 52, of Pelham, NH, was indicted on mail and wire fraud charges. The indictment alleges that he engaged in a scheme to defraud the state by allowing ineligible MEC employees to enroll in a state pension plan, making it appear as though those individuals were employees of a state entity when they were not.

MEC was a tax-exempt organization, a so-called not-for-profit company, engaged in the business of providing diversified educa-

tional and technological resources to schools, cities, towns and other non-profit organizations. MEC offered a broad range of special education, professional development, facilities management, transportation and technology programs.

Merrimack Special Education Collaborative (MSEC) was a public entity engaged in providing educational and vocational services to children and adults with physical, emotional and developmental challenges. Pursuant to an administrative fee agreement, MEC provided fiscal and management services to MSEC, to include payroll services.

According to the indictment, Nystrom served as MEC's Chief Financial Officer. During the relevant time period he directed and caused other MEC employees to code him and four other ineligible MEC employees in the ADP payroll system as MSEC employees. This fraudulent coding caused periodic paychecks and end-of-year W-2s to be made in the name of

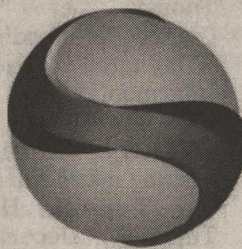
MSEC for each of the mis-coded individuals.

In addition, each of the mis-coded individuals fraudulently enrolled in the state pension plan. The indictment alleges that the purpose of the scheme was for Nystrom and the others who were fraudulently enrolled in the pension to obtain pension payments that they were not entitled to receive.

The indictment also alleges that in addition to Nystrom, a lobbyist, and three other MEC employees were fraudulently enrolled in the state retirement system. The lobbyist and one former MEC employee have already collected nearly \$300,000 in pension payments.

If convicted, Nystrom faces up to 20 years in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine on each count.

The details contained in the Indictment are allegations. The defendant is presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.



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Angelo Licari

WWII Army Veteran; volunteer at E.N. Rogers Veterans Hospital in Bedford; plasterer; member Wakefield Elks; golfer

WILMINGTON - Angelo Licari, better known as "Lefty" to his family and friends, age 92, of Wilmington, formerly of East Boston, passed away peacefully on December 15th, 2013 at the Wingate at Andover, surrounded by his loving family.

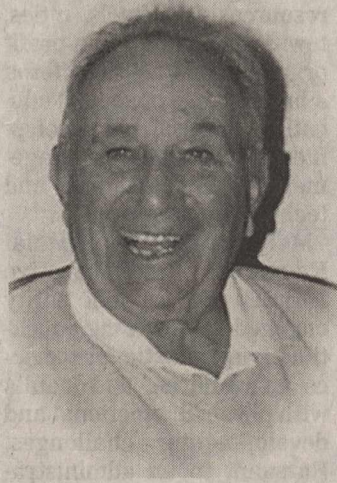
Angelo was born in East Boston on October 23, 1921, he was the cherished son of the late Ignazio and Josephine A. (Maffeo) Licari. Angelo was raised and educated in East Boston.

He was inducted into the United States Army on August 5, 1942 and served overseas from December of 1942 until November of 1944 with the 32nd Battalion Company B. Angelo was honorably discharged on October 28, 1945, with the rank of Corporal; he returned home to his family in East Boston after he proudly served his country.

Angelo married his "sweetheart" Elizabeth Leskiewicz in December of 1945, they lived in East Boston until relocating to Wilmington in 1958. Angelo and Elizabeth shared more than 40 years of marriage, raised three wonderful children, and made countless memories to last through generations to come, before her passing in November of 1986.

Lefty was known as a hard worker, he worked in the construction business all of his life and was a very talented plasterer. Lefty was a perfectionist at his job; earning a great reputation in his field as well as amongst his clients.

Family was everything to Lefty, he loved spending time with his children and grandchildren and teaching them some of "life's lessons" whether it was about work,



sports, politics, or just showing them how to do something, he was always willing to give "his opinion". Angelo had a passion for cooking and made many delicious meals for his family and friends. Angelo was known as an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching countless Red Sox and Patriots games together with his family.

Angelo was very personable, friendly, and a social magnet; in his spare time he spent many hours volunteering for the E.N. Rogers Veterans Hospital in Bedford where he would talk and listen to fellow Veterans and he made quite a difference in their lives.

In his spare time Angelo loved to golf, he was a member of the Patriot Golf in Bedford and relished in telling his stories of not only one hole in one but he shot three holes in one over his golfing career. Everyone wanted to golf with Angelo and he always left them laughing. Angelo was also a member of the Elks in Wakefield where he made countless friends throughout the years.

Angelo will be remembered for his sense of humor and his willingness to help others. He always made you feel comfortable in his presence and was quite a "char-

acter" when you go to know him, many will say they "broke the mold" when they made Angelo and he will be greatly missed by all.

Angelo was the beloved husband of the late Elizabeth (Leskiewicz) Licari, loving father of the late Dennis Licari, his wife Elsbeth Licari of Reading, JoAnn Botte and her husband Frank of Wilmington and Leonard Licari and his wife Sharon of Haverhill, cherished "Grampy" of Christian Botte, Nicholas, Jennette and Kathryn Licari, Michael, Elizabeth and Anthony Licari, "Great-Grampy" of Kayley Gibbons, Adriana, Victoria and Dennis Licari and Christian and Rachel Botte, loving companion of Dorothy "Jean" Beckler of Newton, son of the late Ignazio and Josephine (Maffeo) Licari, brother of the late James Licari of Andover, cousin of Rose McKenna of Tewksbury and Connie Carlson of Seabrook, NH.

Family and friends will gather at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington, on Friday, December 20th at 9:00 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington at 10:00 a.m. Interment with Military Honors to follow in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Thursday, December 19th from 4-8 p.m. Memorial donations in Angelo's name may be made to the VA Medical Center, c/o Voluntary Services to be used for the Care & Relaxation of Inpatients, 200 Springs Road, Bedford, MA 01730. www.nicholsfuneralhome.com

Geraldine A. Pisapia

Devoted and loving wife, mother, grammy

WILMINGTON - Geraldine A. (Correnti) Pisapia, fondly known as "Gerry" to her family and friends, of Wilmington, died unexpectedly on December 18, 2013, at the age of 69.

Gerry was born on September 2, 1944, in Somerville, MA, she was the cherished daughter of the late Frank and Vera (DiMuzio) Correnti. Gerry was raised and educated in Malden and was a graduate of Malden High School.

Gerry married the "love of her life" Louis Pisapia, on March 25, 1968; the couple shared nearly thirty wonderful years together and raised two beautiful children before his untimely passing in 1997.

Gerry and Louie lived in Wilmington for many years before moving to Stuart, Florida, where Gerry resided for 20 years. Gerry was very outgoing and friendly, she made countless life-long friendships in Massachusetts as well as Florida, and they always had a great time together. Gerry always made her way "home" to Massachusetts over the years and moved permanently back several years ago to be closer to her family.

Gerry made her family her number one priority; she



was a very devoted and loving wife, mother, grammy, daughter, sister, and auntie. Gerry cherished every moment spent with her family, she enjoyed family holidays and celebrations, going shopping and out to lunch with her daughter and sister, or just "hanging out" with family on the couch watching a great Lifetime movie, no matter what they were doing Gerry had fun. When Gerry took on the role as "Grammy", her life was even more enriched; she adored her grandchildren Jaclyn, Justin, and David, they were the light of her life. Gerry especially relished the time spent with Jaclyn, they shared a special bond, she was just a

princess in Gerry's eyes.

In her spare time, Gerry loved to play cards and go to bingo, she was always very competitive and feisty. Gerry enjoyed going to dinner with her girlfriends and traveling all over with her friend Gus who was a very special person in her life.

Gerry will be fondly remembered as kind, caring, and most of all very loyal to her family and friends. Gerry would go out of her way to help anyone and she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Gerry was the beloved wife of the late Louis Pisapia, devoted mother of Gina Fraser and her husband Greg and Louis Pisapia all of Wilmington, loving "Grammy" of Jaclyn, Justin, and David Fraser, dear sister of Debra Murphy and her husband Paul of Malden, special "Auntie" of Keleigh, Kristine, and Paul Murphy. Gerry is also survived by many dear friends.

Family and friends will gather for a Funeral Service at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rte. 62), Wilmington on Saturday, December 21st at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. Visiting hours will be held at the Funeral Home on Friday, December 20th from 4-8 p.m. Memorial donations in Gerry's name may be made to Mass. General Hospital Cancer Center, Yawkey Building 7th Floor, 55 Fruit St., Boston, MA 02114.



Preston Hunt, age 4 started the morning with a pancake at the Rec Dept.'s breakfast with Santa on Saturday. (photo by Maureen Brady-www.shootingstarspix.com)

Tewksbury Senior Topics

Christmas Concert 12/23; New Years Dinner Dance 12/31; Dr Smith 1/18

The Swinging Senior Chorus has graciously offered to conduct another Christmas Concert at the Senior Center on Monday, December 23rd at 1:00 PM. Why not come on down and start the Christmas week off with the musical spirit of the season. This is a free event and refreshments will be served.

The Senior Center will be closing at 12:00 Noon on December 24th and closed on Christmas Day. On behalf of the Council on Aging and its staff, a Joyous and Merry Christmas is wished to all those celebrating. May the peace of the season stay with everyone throughout the new year.

The Men's Group will meet on Thursday, December 26th at 9:00 AM.

Tickets are available for the Friends New Year's Eve Dinner Dance of Tuesday, December 31st.

The cost is \$50 and includes dinner at 7:00 PM; New Year's novelty hats, horns,

etc. and dancing to the sounds of the Perfect Match Band. If planning to attend, please note that one should purchase his/her ticket/s by noon on Tuesday, December 24th.

Dr. Smith will conduct a Podiatry Clinic at the Senior Center on Saturday, January 18th.

Registrations are now being accepted. The fee for the clinic is \$15. This clinic is limited to 35 Tewksbury Senior Citizens. This clinic is funded in part by the Council on Aging.

The next Foxwoods day trip is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8th. The cost of this trip is \$30 per person and includes motor coach transportation, a casino package and driver gratuity. Sign-ups began this past Monday. Space is still available.

The Council on Aging is now assisting Tewksbury Senior Citizen residents with Fuel Assistance applications. Seniors may call Jan

or Linda at 978-640-4482 to arrange an appointment and find out what information one needs to bring, with them when applying. Some of the household income eligibility guidelines for fuel assistance are as follows: 1 person \$32,065; 2 people \$41,932; 3 people \$51,798; 4 people \$61,664. Information on larger families and the eligible incomes is posted at the Senior Center and is also available from CTI. Younger families may call Community Teamwork (CTI) at 978-459-6161 for information on how and where to apply.

The COA will begin taking names of those Senior Citizens who wish to have our AARP Volunteers assist them with tax returns. However, one should note that appointments will not be scheduled until mid to late February due to the "government shutdown" this past fall.

Merry Christmas.
God Bless America.



St. Williams held their annual Christmas Fair on Saturday. There were tables of raffles prizes to win. (photo by Maureen Brady-www.shootingstarspix.com)

VFW announces Voice of Democracy Scholarship winner

TEWKSBURY - Madeline Burgoyne, a junior at Tewksbury Memorial High School, was named the VFW District 15 of Massachusetts first place winner and will advance to the State level competition. The Tewksbury VFW Post 8164 sponsored Madeline and is very proud of her accomplishment. We wish her well at the State level competition.

"The Voice of Democracy competition provides high school students across the country with the opportunity to speak out on freedom and democracy," says District 15 VFW Voice of Democracy

chairman Vinnie Oliva. "The program has been popular and successful since its beginning in 1946, and we're proud to keep offering it to America's young people."

The Voice of Democracy program requires entrants to write and record a three to five minute script on a patriotic theme. "Why I'm Optimistic About our

Nation's Future" was this year's theme. Nearly two hundred students, district wide, participated in the program this year.

The VFW is dedicated to veterans' service, legislative advocacy, and military and community service programs worldwide. For more information or to join, visit our website at www.vfw.org.

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Arts & Entertainment

Celebrate New Year's Eve

Not everyone wants to stay in on New Year's Eve. Elegance, comedy, romance, show, there are many options not far from home to ring in 2014.

Lots of Laughs Comedy Lounge

China Blossom, North Andover
9:30 pm - 1 am - for \$75 get an all you can eat China Blossom buffet (including carving stations, create-your-own noodle soups, and sushi), then dancing to DJ Barry Mooney, followed by a comedy show featuring Chris D, Christine Hurley, and Mark Riley. Champagne, festive hats, and noisemakers. Raffles, prizes, and more. Call 978-687-1789 or visit the website.

Characters New Year's Eve Package

Wyndham Boston Andover
Celebrate New Year's Eve with a DJ, appetizer buffet, champagne toast at midnight, midnight continental breakfast, and a hotel room. Party runs from 7 pm - 1 am. Other packages include breakfast or 'romance' with a late check out.

Holiday Inn Tewksbury

New Year's Eve Extravaganza
\$199 per couple gets you a Gala dinner, dance, and sista package for a festive New Year's Eve. Includes global cuisine representing the seven continents. Music and dancing with DJ, champagne toast at midnight with party favors, deluxe accommodations for each couple on Tuesday evening (including early check-in and late check-out), breakfast for two. Local and don't want to stay the night? Have it all except breakfast for \$119 per couple. Call early to reserve at 978-640-9000.

Great American Tavern

303 Main Street, North Reading
This popular pub is hosting a New Year's Eve party featuring the Lexington Street Band! Party Favors and plenty of Champagne. Reservations aren't needed, but highly suggested.

TJ Callahan's

Main Street, Tewksbury
Alive 'N Kickin will play live.

Golden Ginger

Main Street, Wilmington
This popular local restaurant is offering a special New Year's Eve menu and featured drink. See website for details.

Nashoba Valley Ski Area

79 Powers Rd, Westford
Try out an active New Year's Eve. Two seatings for dinner.
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To make your reservations, call 978-692-5700.

UMass Inn & Conference Center

50 Warren St., Lowell
7:00 pm - 1:00 am
This local hotel is offering dining and dancing for \$50 per person. Hors d'oeuvres, dinner buffet, carving stations, and more. Champagne toast and finger sandwiches at midnight. Music provided by a DJ, free parking. Overnight accommodations available at additional cost, includes breakfast.

New Year's Revelation

When it comes to New Year's traditions this rings true: there's no place like home.

By Sharon Adelman Crowley
Town Crier Correspondent

All the world over, New Year's Eve is regarded as a time of renewal, a chance to leave misfortune behind and look forward to the promise of a new beginning.

In the United States, the most celebrated tradition is watching the ball drop in Times Square, while many countries hold specific rituals with the belief that it influences luck in the upcoming year. For example, in Colombia natives carry empty suitcases hoping for a travel-filled year. In Spain, locals eat 12 grapes at midnight, signifying good luck for each month of the year. In Denmark, friends and families jump off chairs together at midnight to "leap into January."

This week, the Crier asked Wilmington and Tewksbury residents about their cherished New Year's traditions, and one theme became abundantly clear: nothing beats time at home with friends and family. There truly is no place like home.

Wilmington

1. Jeffrey M. Hull

Town Manager, Wilmington

"I enjoy spending the night at home with family and a few friends, playing a game or two of Monopoly or Clue and watching a movie."

2. Harry Cunningham

Good Guy

"Being a social animal, my New Year's Eve is a meal, a martini, a dance floor, and sometimes a horn and a hat. This year it will be at the Tewksbury Senior Center. Next year maybe the hat and horn will be replaced by a rocking chair, but there will always be a Martini."

3. Lou Cimaglia

Veterans Agent, Wilmington

"I get together with the family in front of the fire and watch 'It's a Wonderful Life' - best Christmas movie ever. We all should be thankful to be able to spend time with our families because of the brave men and women who are serving in the Military away from their families. God Bless their sacrifice."

4. MJ Byrnes

School Committee, Wilmington

"My favorite New Year's tradition would be grabbing Chinese food New Year's Eve, hunkering down with my family and any friends who find their way over to watch



Julia Grey, Kaleigh Sousa, and Tanya Mollo sang with Brownie Troop 65083 and Jr. Brownies 62002 at the Harnden Tavern on Sunday.

(photo by Maureen Brady-www.shootingstarspix.com)

Holiday Season

A Handy Holiday Entertaining Checklist

(StatePoint) One of the best parts about holiday entertaining is spending quality time with friends and family. If you're rushing around trying to cook and prepare everything, your food may taste great, but you're missing out on a key element of the season -- togetherness.

But the quality of your food doesn't need to suffer for great conversation, say cooking experts.

"With a little advanced planning you can have it all at your holiday gathering -- both a delicious, hearty meal, and quality time with your friends and family," says Christy Jordan, author of the new cookbook "Come Home to Supper," a collection of budget-conscious, kid-friendly recipes designed for busy families.

Jordan is offering this handy checklist for a more fulfilling holiday entertaining season:

Two to Three Days Ahead

•Shop for groceries and make dessert.

"If I know I am going to have company, I like to make my dessert a few days ahead of time so when it's time for dessert, I know all I

have to do is cut and serve!" says Jordan.

Jordan points out that refrigerator cakes are wonderful for holiday entertaining, because they can be made in advance and actually get better as the days go by. They also taste great cold.

One to Two Days Ahead

•Assemble the main course.

Many entrées can be made ahead of time, such as chilly weather soups and stews. Casseroles also do very well if assembled ahead of time and then placed covered in the fridge to be baked just before supper.

You may also consider doubling your recipe and freezing half for later use. Since the season is a busy time of year, having extra meals on hand can save you a mid-week headache.

The Big Day

•Set the table, make the bread, pop the entree on the stove or in the oven. Enjoy!

"I like to have as many things done as possible before company arrives so I have more time to enjoy my guests," says Jordan.

Making most of the meal

the ball drop! Also, it is tradition not to create any New Year's resolutions in my house. We take one day at a time, and try to do our best each and every day."

5. Mike Champoux

Board of Selectman, Wilmington

"I like to stay close to home with close friends and family and order way too much Chinese food and watch Ryan Seacrest not live up to Dick Clark's example."

Tewksbury

1. Tim Sheehan

Police Chief, Tewksbury

"As your Chief of Police, I have this tradition of staying in and praying to God that poor decisions are not made - that will place the lives and safety of those I serve, and those who serve under me, in jeopardy on that evening. I stand ready to head into work if the need arises, always praying that it won't."

2. Jennie Welch

Safety Officer, Tewksbury

"Since my kids are still little, we usually do something special for dinner: board games, popcorn, and family movies on New Year's Eve. I like to think that the way you spend your New Year's Day depicts what the rest of the year will be like. We are all in bed long before the ball drops so that no one is cranky on New Year's Day!"

3. Todd Johnson

Board of Selectman, Tewksbury

"Our family New Year's tradition is to stay at home and spend a quiet evening together until the ball drops. We spend New Year's Day watching movies and college football. After the hustle of Christmas, we enjoy spending time as a family and don't venture out."

4. Sean Czarnecki

Conservation Commissioner, Tewksbury

"I like to spend time with family on New Year's Eve, either playing games or watching a movie. If we aren't too tired, staying up to watch the ball drop would be in the picture, but not critical."

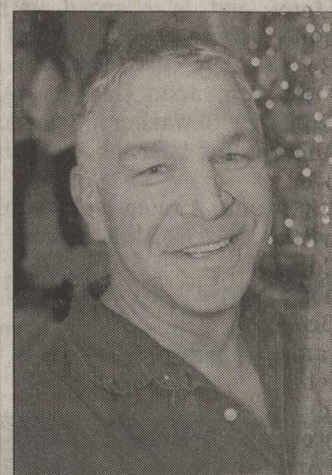
5. Robert Hayes

Community Services Librarian, Tewksbury

"I make a list of New Year's resolutions, usually including a weight loss goal. I then go out for all-you-can-eat Chinese food with the family."

Voices Around Town

Have you thought about making your New Year's resolutions? Our photographer has talked to a few residents of Tewksbury and Wilmington about their plans for 2014.



Mark Lambert's New Year's Resolution is to "never make another New Year's Resolution, again."



Nicholas Brooks, age 13, made a New Year's resolution "to practice his trumpet more."

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Tewksbury Police Log

Shoplifting at Walmart

Monday, December 9

6:31 a.m. Michael Langone, 48, of 26 Howard Street in Springfield, was arrested at 95 Main Street on the basis of three warrants.

6:32 a.m. Edward Noonan, 62, of 60 Oak Street, 1st Floor in Taunton, was arrested at 95 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

4:43 p.m. A motor vehicle was stolen from 49 Villa Roma Drive.

5:34 p.m. Richard Conner, 52, of 104 Lee Street in Tewksbury, was arrested at his home on the basis of a warrant.

Tuesday, December 10

6:30 a.m. Oua Bouthavon, 57, of 22 Olive Street in Lowell, was arrested at 2151 Main Street and is charged with operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

9:52 a.m. John Dausch, 19, of 987 South Street in Tewksbury, was arrested at his home on the basis of a warrant.

12:10 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at 381 Main Street.

Wednesday, December 11

6:10 a.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at 283 Foster Road.

Thursday, December 12

6:03 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at Ironwood Drive.

6:21 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at 1785 Andover Street.

Friday, December 13

12:27 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at the intersection of Main Street and Chandler Street.

5:33 p.m. William Leavitt, 25, of 11 Sanders Road, Apartment 11, in Billerica, was arrested at 333 Main Street, Walmart, and is charged with shoplifting by asportation.

8:38 p.m. Another shoplifting was reported at 333 Main Street.

Sunday, December 15

8:22 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at the intersection of Shawsheen Street and Main Street.

9:40 p.m. Tiffany Rowe, 24, of 461 S. Broadway Street, Apartment 1 in Lawrence, was arrested at the intersection of South Street and McLaren Road and is charged with a number plate violation and with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.



Wilmington Police Log

Indecent assault at laundromat

Tuesday, December 10th:

7:25 AM. A motor vehicle collision involving a Chevrolet Silverado and a Toyota Prius occurred at the intersection of Middlesex Ave. and Federal St. Both vehicles suffered minor damage, and no injuries were reported.

9:21 AM: A juvenile offender and David Arria, 18, of 33 Adams St. in Wilmington were apprehended on Middlesex Ave., both charged with possessing Class D narcotics with the intent to distribute and drug violations near a school or park.

Wednesday, December 11th:

11:49 AM: Paul Mulford, 46, of 13 Church Ave. in Woburn was apprehended at the laundromat on Lowell St., charged with the indecent assault and battery on a person over the age of 14.

5:55 PM: A motor vehicle collision involving a Honda Accord and a Ford Taurus occurred at the intersection of Main Street and Bridge Ln. Both vehicles sustained a moderate level of damage, and no injuries were reported.

Thursday, December 12th:

7:35 PM: A motor vehicle collision involv-

ing a Honda Accord and a Toyota 4-Runner occurred at the Wilmington Memorial Arts Center, located on Middlesex Ave. Neither of the involved parties were injured in the collision, and both vehicles sustained minor damage.

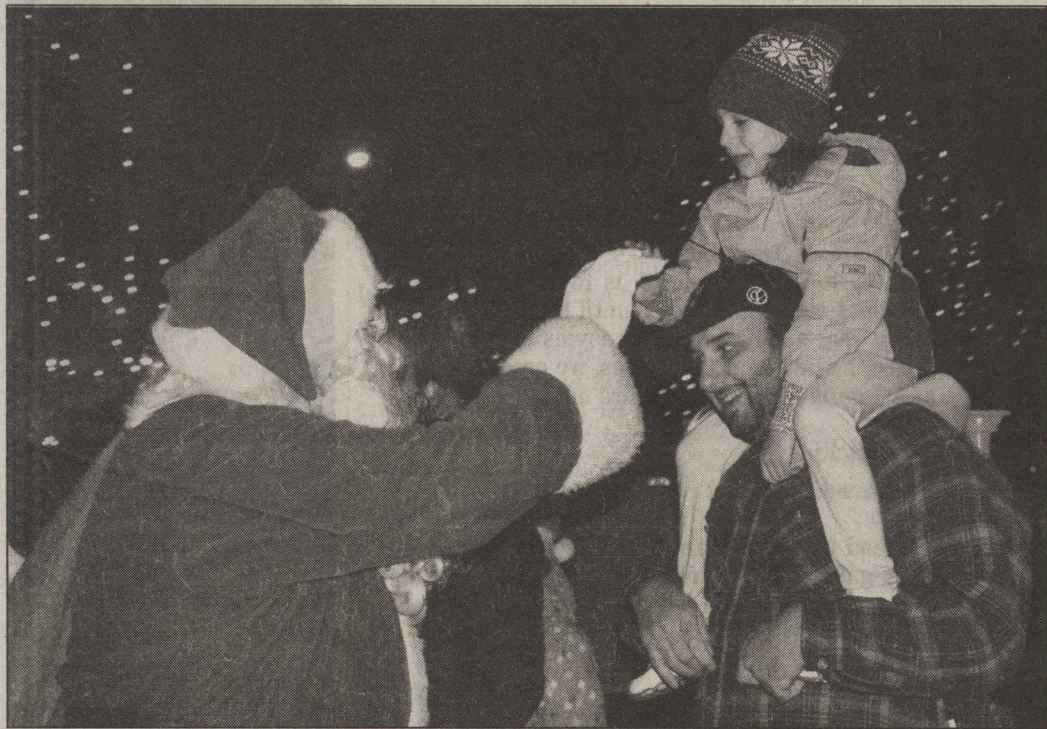
Friday, December 13th:

5:35 PM: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the Wilmington T-Stop, located on Main Street, involving a Chevrolet Malibu and a Ford Explorer. One of the involved vehicles sustained enough damage to require towing services, and no injuries were reported.

Sunday, December 15th:

11:49 PM: A Toyota Camry went off the road and into the woods adjacent to the Route 125 Highway while driving along the highway route. The vehicle required towing out of the forest, and the driver involved sustained no injuries.

Disclaimer: The arrest records available through this publication are public information. Any indication of an arrest does not mean the individual identified has been convicted of a crime. All persons arrested are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



Lila DePlacido met Santa while sitting on her dad, Mike's shoulders at the Wilmington Lighting on the Common on Saturday. (photo by Maureen Brady-www.shootingstarspix.com)



Jacob Doherty had a nice chat with Santa at the Tewksbury Public Library on Saturday. (photo by Maureen Brady-www.shootingstarspix.com)

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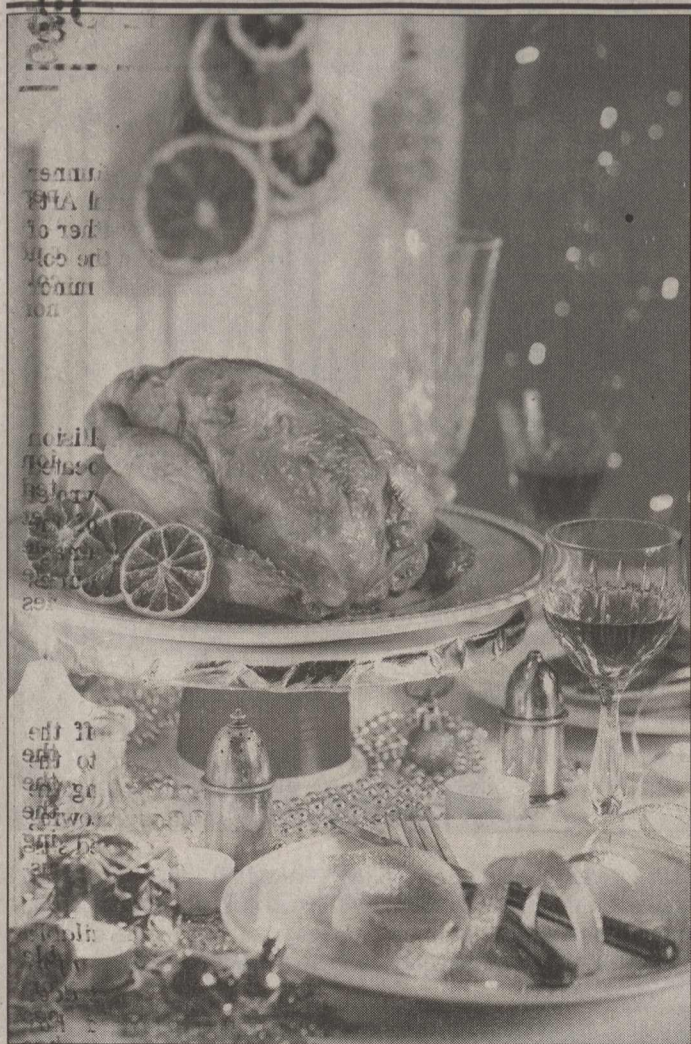
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Holiday Season

New Twists on a Classic Holiday

(StatePoint) Did you know some of today's most celebrated holiday traditions began in the 1920s? This decade became well known as the golden era of celebration, revelry and joy.

Channel the spirit of the 1920s, by adding twists to your classic holiday celebration. From food to music to wine, there are plenty of stress-free ways to bring the lighthearted fun from this bygone era back to your holiday party.

Skip the flowers, and create some drama with eye-catching centerpieces of feather plumes draped in long strands of faux pearls. It's a simple way to give the room a classic look.

For a real crowd pleaser, fill the room with the smooth sounds of Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald and Billie Holiday. Or use the room as your canvas to evoke the cozy atmosphere of a Norman Rockwell painting.

Bring your celebration to life with a vibrant wine that fits every budget for under \$10. According to French law and following a century-old tradition, Beaujolais Nouveau is released every year on the third Thursday of November with celebrations around the world. The first wine of the harvest, Beaujolais Nouveau is versatile and food-friendly - the perfect wine for every festive gathering. Traditionally served slightly chilled, this fruit-forward wine will please red and white wine lovers alike.

Whether you're serving fun appetizers or a classic holiday meal, Georges Duboeuf Beaujolais Nouveau is a great "go to" wine for a wide variety of dishes. To learn more about the history of the wine, visit www.Duboeuf.com. To add extra elegance to your table, try a splash of 1920s style and serve the

wine in crystal glassware on etched, vintage silver trays.

For another fresh spin on the classic taste of the Golden Age, serve up this menu of 1920s-inspired dishes: curried deviled eggs, chorizo-stuffed mushrooms and cider glazed roast turkey. For dessert, bite-sized lemon cakes add a sweet surprise everyone will love.

Try out this tempting twist on the classic deviled eggs recipe from the 1920s, a perfect pairing with Beaujolais Nouveau.

Curried Deviled Eggs

Ingredients

- 6 eggs
- 3 tablespoons Greek yogurt
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 teaspoons curry powder
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- Paprika, for garnish

Directions:

Place eggs in a saucepan and cover with enough cold water to cover the eggs by two inches. Bring water to a boil. Turn the heat to low, cover, and cook for 1 minute. Remove from heat, and still covered, let rest for 12 minutes.

Gently crack the egg shells and peel under cool running water, drying on paper towels.

Slice eggs in half lengthwise. Reserve whites on a platter, and transfer the yolks to a bowl. Using a fork, mash yolks with all ingredients (except the garnish). Mix well, and evenly spoon mixture into whites. Sprinkle lightly with paprika and serve.

Yield: One dozen deviled eggs

Without fuss, you can put a fresh twist on tradition this holiday season and bring a bygone era of celebrations into your own home.



Babytimes Program at Wilmington Memorial Library with Children's Librarian Barbara Raab. Courtesy Photo

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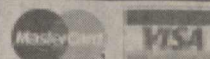
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Wilmington Fire Fighters delivered Santa to the Common last Saturday evening. (photo by Maureen Brady-www.shootingstarspix.com)



Rita O'Sullivan and Anne Gibbons sampled the pie at the Tewksbury Congregational Church last week. (photo by Maureen Brady-www.shootingstarspix.com)



Lillian McKenna's mom, Nicole, bundled her up nice and warm while waiting to help flick the switch to light the Common in Wilmington on Saturday. (photo by Maureen Brady-www.shootingstarspix.com)

A holiday safety checklist for everyone

The holidays won't be merry and bright for the many local folks who will get hurt this season. The Consumer Product Safety Commission says holiday injuries are increasing with more than 13,000 people treated during the 2010 holiday season, up from 12,000 in 2009 (latest research available).

Our local AFC Doctors Express urgent care centers expect to be as busy as Santa over the holidays, packed with patients harmed by holiday health hazards. That's why our local doctors have created a Holiday Safety Checklist - advising families to make a list and check it twice.

Holiday Safety Checklist

Avoid Packaging Problems

Sometimes, people become so frustrated with hard plastic wrapping around toys and electronics that they cut themselves on the sharp edged packaging or with scissors, tools and knives when trying to pry the packages open. An average 6,000 people a year go to the emergency room due to packaging-related injuries (Consumer Product Safety Commission).

- Immediately discard plastic wrappings or other pack-

aging before they become dangerous playthings.

Deck the Halls Without Falls

Santa looks festive on your roof, but don't hurt yourself getting him up there. The CPSC estimates during November and December more than 13,000 people will need medical help from decorating-related injuries, such as falls, burns and lacerations.

- Keep ladders on level ground, clear debris (and keep kids away) from the area, and when hoisting Santa and the reindeer on the roof, extend the ladder three feet beyond the edge of the roof.

- Don't stand on the top two rungs of the ladder (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention).

Banish Bad News Batteries

A 2012 study by the Journal Pediatrics reports every three hours, a child under age 18 goes to an emergency room due to button battery ingestion. These small batteries are often used to power toys, watches, remote controls and other electronic devices. Batteries that become lodged in the throat or intestine can generate and release hydroxide,

resulting in dangerous chemical burns.

- Install batteries in toys before wrapping them to keep them out of the hands of curious kids.

Encourage Helmet Head

Some of the most hazardous holiday gifts have wheels - including scooters, skateboards, inline skates, bikes and motorcycles. Broken bones, sprains, head and spinal injuries are common around the holidays, especially when excited adults and kids want to try out their new wheels. According to the CPSC, non-motorized scooters was the toy category associated with the most injuries (15 and younger) in 2011.

- Gifts with wheels should come with a helmet.

- For scooters, skateboards and inline skates, the CPSC also recommends wrist guards, elbow and knee pads. All safety gear should be sized to fit.

Make Sure Chestnuts - Not Christmas Trees - Roast on an Open Fire

Each holiday, around 230 home fires start with Christmas trees. These fires cause an average of four deaths, 21 injuries and \$17.3 million in direct property damage.

- Make sure live trees are fresh (deep green, not brown); trunk should be sticky and wet with resin; and make sure a large number of needles don't come loose when you tap the tree trunk on the ground. Artificial trees should have a "fire resistant" label.

- Keep all trees away from heat sources like fireplaces and candles.

- Use lights tested for safety by nationally recognized testing labs.

- Do not burn wrapping paper in the fireplace. It could cause a flash fire.

Carve the Turkey, Not Your Fingers

Carving accidents are prevalent during the holidays because hosts are often rushing, talking and drinking when cutting up the turkey, ham or roast.

- Never cut toward yourself. Your free hand should be placed opposite the side you're carving.

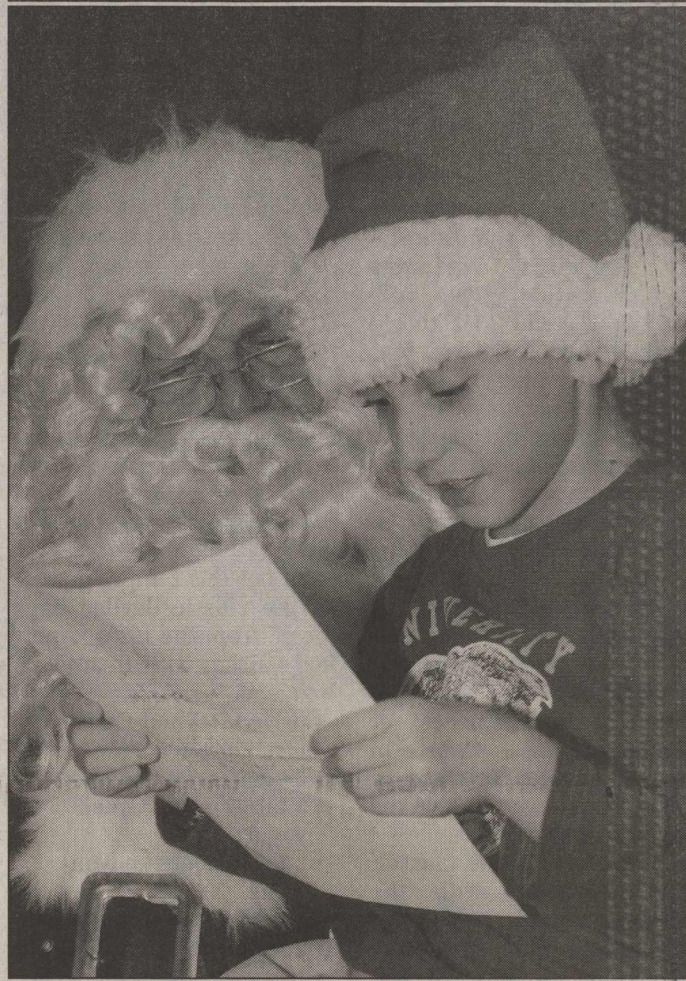
- Keep knives dry because a wet handle is slippery and could cause your hand to slip on to the blade, resulting in a nasty cut.

- Keep all utensils sharp so you don't have to force the cutting or carving.

- Make sure the carving station is a NO KID zone.

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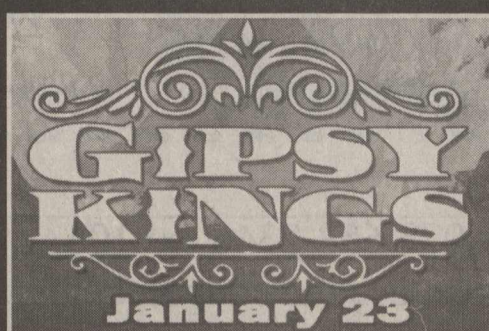
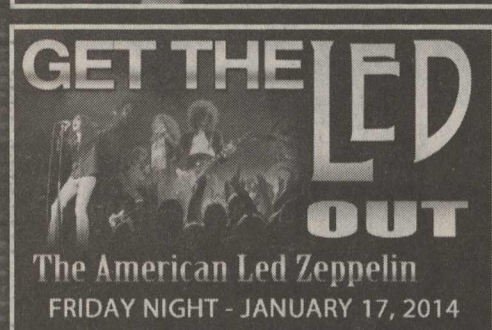
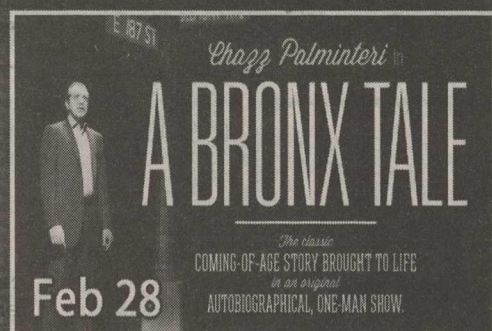
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Adam Yalcin, age 8, would like Lego sets for Christmas. He visited with Old Saint Nick at the Wilmington Recreation Dept (photo by Maureen Brady-www.shootingstarspix.com)

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Holiday Season

8 Tips to Enhance Your Holiday Landscape

by Melinda Myers

Add a little holiday sparkle to your landscape for you and your guests to enjoy. No matter the weather outside, a few decorative touches can greatly increase the beauty and enjoyment of your winter landscape.

Try one, two or all eight of these tips to improve your landscape's winter appeal.

- Add some solar powered accents. Light a pathway, your favorite tree or front porch without installing additional outlets. Look for unique colors and shapes like the solar star lantern or the changing colors of northern lights spheres (gardeners.com) for added appeal. The wide variety now available can help create a memorable winter display. Be sure to select solar accents that provide hours of enjoyment when fully charged.

- Create an outdoor holiday tree for you and your feathered visitors to enjoy. Decorate a few of your evergreen trees and shrubs with purchased or homemade birdseed ornaments. Holiday shapes made of energy rich birdseed and suet give the trees a holiday flare, while providing important food for birds to enjoy. These also make great gifts for your favorite gardener or bird watcher.

- Light up your winter con-

tainers. Fill a weather-proof planter with potting mix or play sand. Purchase greens from your favorite garden center or trim a few from your landscape. Stick the cut end of the greens in the potting mix or sand to create an attractive display. Add some colorful berries, decorative twigs and ribbon. Then add some height and light to your winter container with fiber optic solar lights. Place the container by your front steps for holiday visitors to enjoy day or night.

- Increase color and motion with the help of heated birdbaths. Attract greater numbers and variety of birds by providing water year round. Northern gardeners should consider heated birdbaths to insure water is available even during the coldest months. Further help the birds by adding a few stones or branches to the birdbath. This allows the birds to drink without getting wet; helping them to preserve their body heat.

- Create your own homemade outdoor lights. Line pathways, accent plantings or dress up fence posts with ice globe luminaries. Produce your own or purchase ready to make kits. Use colorful outdoor LED lights or tea candles to light up blocks or spheres of ice. You and your family will have fun creating these memorable nighttime accents.

- Add some livable art. Hang a few colorful and unique birdhouses in your backyard. They provide color and whimsy to the winter garden and will be ready for your feathered friends to move in this spring.

- Include a "gingerbread" house for the birds. Hang decorative birdseed houses from a shepherd's crook or tree branch. Be sure to place it in an area where you and the birds can enjoy the decorative treat. Look for a sheltered, but open area where the birds can watch for predators while enjoying their winter feast.

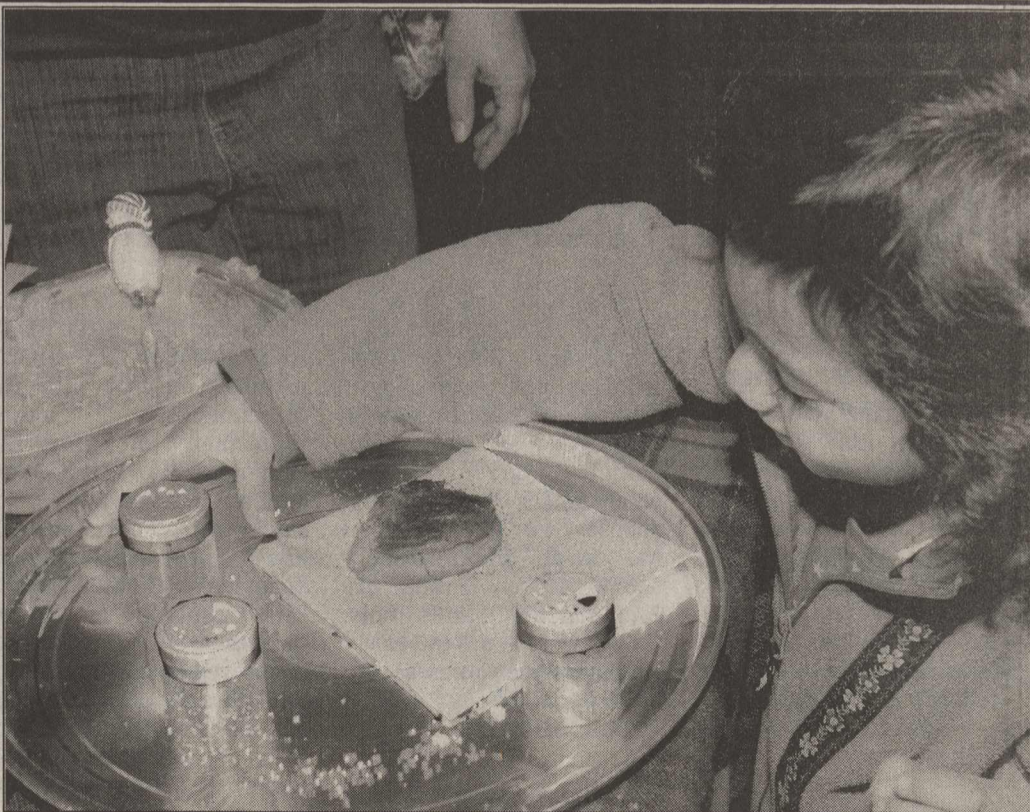
- Move your holiday tree outdoors. Place your cut tree in a snow bank, vacant spot in the garden or make it part of your bird feeding station. The tree provides some extra greenery in the often drab winter landscape as well as shelter for the visiting birds. Then add a few of those birdseed ornaments for added food and winter decoration.

Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening. Myers' web site, www.melindamyers.com, offers gardening videos and tips.



Bob Ducey and Lou Perry play cribbage at the K of C on Mondays. The cribbage group is seeking more players for their next series of tournaments which will run thru April. Call Bob Ducey at 978-851-4985 for more information if you would like to join them.

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Laney Nelson, age 3 decorated a cookie at the Tewksbury Festival of Trees at the Public Library on Friday evening.

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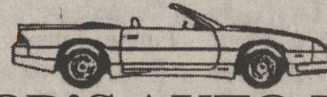
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Tewksbury Library Notes

by Diane Diarrusso

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Free Film Screenings:

Do you know your library now offers film screenings every Friday night at 7pm? January's FRIDAY NIGHT FILMS include Don Jon (January 3), Thanks For Sharing (January 10), The Butler (January 17), Captain Phillips (January 24), and Last Vegas (January 31). Do you know your library also now offers a film screening every Monday morning at 10:30am? January's MONDAY MORNING MOVIES include The Family (January 6), Enough Said (Tuesday, January 14), The Spectacular Now (Tuesday, January 21), and Blue Jasmine (January 27).

(Please note that films are held on Tuesday mornings if the library's Meeting Room is unavailable on Mondays.) Admission to all film screenings is free and comes with complimentary popcorn, candy and a beverage. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Tewksbury Lions Club. Films are intended for adults only. Call Robert at 978-640-4490 x 205 to reserve your seat.

Free Concerts:

Do you know your library now offers concerts once a month on Saturday afternoons at 2pm? This winter's lineup features performances from local chapters of the Barbershop Harmony Society. (Barbershop is a type of a cappella - singing

without instruments.) Upcoming SATURDAY AFTERNOON SHOWS include concerts with the Merrimack Valley Townsmen of Haverhill (January 18), the New Sound Assembly of Fitchburg (February 22), and the Gentlemen Songsters of Lowell (March 15). Admission to all performances is free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Performances are intended for adults, but teens are welcome too! Call Robert at 978-640-4490 x 205 to reserve your seat.

Free Plays:

Do you know your library now offers "living history" performances once a month on Saturday afternoons at 2pm? This winter's lineup features one-woman plays with fantastic actresses portraying important female figures in America's history. Upcoming SATURDAY AFTERNOON SHOWS include "An Afternoon with Harriet Tubman" (January 4), "An Afternoon with Anne Sullivan" (February 1), and "An Afternoon with Helen Keller" (March 1). Admission to all performances is free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Performances are intended for adults, but teens are wel-

come too. Call Robert at 978-640-4490 x 205 to reserve your seat.

Free Author Visits:

Do you know your library now offers author visits once a month of Thursday nights at 7pm? In January, author Paul Della Valle (January 30) will present a fascinating presentation on his new book - "Speaking Ill of the Dead: Jerks in Boston History." Learn all about our area's most notorious "bad guys" - some you've heard of and some you haven't! Audience Q&A and book selling and signing after the talk for those interested. In February, New York Times best-selling author Suzanne Brockmann (February 20), one of the world's leading romantic suspense authors, will visit to discuss her legendary career and her latest book, "Do Or Die: Reluctant Heroes." (Look for our big reveal of the featured author scheduled to visit in March during the week of January 6.) Admission to all author visits is free and comes with complimentary refreshments. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Author visits are intended for adults, but teens are welcome too! Call Robert at 978-640-4490 x 205 to reserve

your seat.

Free Book Clubs:

Do you know your library now offers FOUR monthly book clubs? (1) Our long-standing Evening Book Club meets the final Wednesday night of each month at 6:30pm. The book club next meets on Wednesday, January 29 to discuss "Home Front" by Kristin Hannah. Copies of each month's title are available at the library's Front Desk. (2) Our 'Booked For Lunch' Book Club meets the second Wednesday afternoon of each month at 12:30pm. Members read whatever books they want and then come discuss them over a brownbag lunch. The book club next meets on Wednesday, January 8. (3) Our 'Neverland' Book Club meets on the first Tuesday or Wednesday night of each month at 6:30pm. Members are adults who read books written for children and teens - great for parents, teachers and adults who don't want to grow up! The book club next meets on Tuesday, January 7. (4) Our brand new 'Cooks and

Books' Book Club meets the second Monday of the month at 6pm. The book club launches on Monday, February 10 when members will make a favorite recipe and bring the cookbook (or source) it came from. Members will taste the dishes, share recipes and discuss cookbooks. Admission to all book club meetings is free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Book clubs are intended for adults only. Call Robert at 978-640-4490 x 205 to be put in contact with the appropriate book club facilitator to reserve your seat.

Important Notes:

You can visit our calendar of events at www.tewksbury-pl.org to learn more about these and other free programs. You can also easily reserve your seat online yourself with the calendar's registration feature. The library is located at 300 Chandler Street, at the corner of Chandler St. and Main St. (Route 38). Most of our events are held in our first-floor Meeting Room. Our events are handicap accessible and open to all, including non-Tewksbury residents.

Senator Finegold announces office hours

Senator Barry Finegold and staff will hold open office hours Friday, December 20th in Lawrence, Andover, Dracut and Tewksbury. Office hours will be held at the following locations and times:

Lawrence: Lawrence Public Library, 3rd Floor (Robert Frost Room) 51 Lawrence St., 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Andover: Memorial Hall Library, 1st Floor (Activities Room), 2 North Main St., 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dracut: Parker Memorial Library, 2nd Floor (Study Room), 28 Arlington St., 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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by Christina Stewart

Vacation week activities

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Vacation Week Holiday Party *RR

Monday, Dec. 23, 7 pm
Kids in grades 2-5 are invited to share their winter holiday traditions. Bring in a favorite holiday book, a plate of cookies or holiday treat, a special menorah or Christmas tree ornament. We will play some holiday games and enjoy holiday snacks.

Winter Stories and Craft *RR

Friday, Dec. 27, 10 am
Join us for stories and a craft all about winter. Every child who attends will receive a free book.
Ages 3-7

Family Storytime

Saturday, Dec. 28, 10 am
Drop in for stories, songs, rhymes and more! Ages: 2-6 and one or more adults.

All You Can Read Buffet *RR

Monday, Dec. 30, 1-5 pm
This popular event is back! Kids in grades 3, 4 and 5 are invited to this marathon read and eat-in. Bring something comfortable to lounge upon, and read away. Munch on yummy snacks and beverages all afternoon, and finish with a pizza party.

New Year's Snackin' Eve *RR

Dec. 31, 11 am -12:15 pm
Celebrate the New Year a little early. Join Children's Librarian Barbara Raab First and make some yummy snacks, and then ring in the new year at noon. Ages 6+

Teen Events

Teen All-You-Can-Read Buffet *RR

Friday, Dec. 27, 12pm-4pm
It's a reading frenzy! Participate in this reading marathon, with snacks available throughout the day and a pizza party for those who outlast the rest.

LEGO Mindstorms *RR (limit 12)

Fridays, Jan. 3, 10, 17, 3:30pm
Build and program LEGO Mindstorms Robots! Solve challenges using the new LEGO Mindstorms EV3 kit and software. This three-session introductory workshop is open to ages 10-16.

Adult Events

Foreign/Independent Film Series Only When I Dance (UK) *RR

Monday, January 6, 7 pm
This feel-good documentary follows Irlan and Isabela, two teenagers from the favelas of Rio, as they pursue their dreams of becoming professional ballet dancers. (Irlan now dances with the Boston Ballet)

iPad Workshop *RR (limit 12)

Wednesday, January 8 or 15 (register for one), 7 pm
Hands-on workshop explaining the capabilities of the iPad, Apple Cloud, and iTunes synchronization. Taught by Edward McFadden of Glade Mountain Consulting. Participants bring their own

iPads.

Got Stress? Transform Your Home into a Peaceful Retreat *RR

Thursday, January 9, 7 pm
Jackie Davis, owner of Wilmington based RoomScape Interiors, shares tips, tricks and insider secrets you can use to quickly and affordably create a stylish space in our home where you can relax and unwind.

Foreign/Independent Film Series The Great Match (Mongolia, Niger, Brazil) *RR

Monday, January 13, 7 pm
Three soccer fans, none of whom have met, but who nevertheless have two things in common: they all live in the farthest-flung corners of the planet and they are all determined to watch the TV broadcast of the World Cup final.

Adult Crafts & DIY *RR

(limit 15, ages 16+)
Heart Punch Art

Tuesday, January 14, 7 pm
Need a gift for that special someone in your life or are

your walls looking a little bare? Join Librarians Marissa and Alison as they repurpose old books into heart-shaped works of art. All materials provided.

How to Create an Attention Getting Resume *RR

Thursday, Jan. 16, 6:30 pm
Bonnie Petrovich, a certified career and executive coach, will go over what is now working in the marketplace. "Must-have" sections for a resume and optional ones that you may want to incorporate will be discussed. Participants are encouraged to bring a copy of their current resume.

After Hours Tarot Card Reading *RR

Friday, January 17, 7 pm
Tap into your intuition. Learn tarot traditions, spreads, major arcana, and perform your own reading. Instruction and tarot cards provided by reader Sally Cragin. Participants have the chance to win their own deck.

Holiday Hours

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Selectmen

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Michael McCoy, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, agreed, as did Selectman Mike Champoux, who noted that "generations" have come to enjoy the celebration.

He also said that last year's event, which lacked a carnival but had fireworks, "just wasn't the same."

That's why he'd like to see it come back.

"I'm deeply committed ... to hopefully see us come back to that type of 4th of July Celebration," said

Champoux. "I do hope we get back into it in 2015. I'm sorry 2014 will pass us by." Selectman Mike Newhouse said the cancellation could allow them more time to plan the event.

"It may not be the worst thing to have plenty of time to look at all of our alternatives," he said.

Selectman Lou Cimaglia, who is a member of the Fourth of July Committee, said that "The vote was taken with a lot of conversations, a lot of meetings." "It's not a decision that

was made lightly," he said, adding that "The money is just not there without the carnival."

The Board later invited Scott Garrant, the Chairman of the Fourth of July Committee, to speak, and he echoed Cimaglia's sentiments.

"Last year, without a carnival, we didn't have people come down," he said.

The carnival generates much of the fireworks money. So Fun on the Fourth, without the carnival, is not sustainable, Garrant said.

Hiker

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"This young man may not have survived if he had not been carrying some cold weather gear, including a sleeping bag," said Sgt. Brian Suttmeier of New Hampshire Fish and Game. "His mistakes were hiking alone, intentionally leaving the marked trail and going hiking when the weather was predicted to be inclement."

He certainly made a few mistakes, Fielding's mother, who requested anonymity, told the Crier. Her son had been studying for finals at Lyndon State College in Vermont. "He needed to clear his head and took a personal day to go solo ice climbing," she said. This, she suggests, is how her son may have ventured off the hiking path on December 11.

Before leaving, Fielding left a detailed message with his roommate regarding his plans: where he was going, what he planned to do, what he had with him, and to call 911 if he wasn't back by a certain time. He also emailed his mother about the solo hike - two actions that were key in his rescue.

Because of the email, Fielding's roommate con-

tacted police Thursday morning when his roommate had not returned. "I got call from Dean of Students," his mother said.

"He has gone ice climbing before (at school) and he's also had a first responder's course, so he knew what to do. He just ignored some of his own training about when to turn back," she said.

Fielding took a heavy-duty sleeping bag with him as part of his safety equipment and most likely had some food and water, his mother said. There was no indication he built a fire and there was no cell phone.

The following morning, her son found his way back onto the trail and an unknown hiker passed him and used their cell phone to call for help.

Fielding's mother expressed her gratitude to the hiker who ultimately found her son and to the New Hampshire Fish and Games Department. "There were also volunteers from his college - both faculty and students - who joined in the search," she said. "Everybody who joined in the search was wonderful."



Strings Attached- Kristen Connors, Rachel Cummings, Shannon Wilcox, Kayla Rossetti, Emily Bartnicki, Director Liz Ehrman, and Brent Johnson and sitting in front, Nicole Tetreault, provided musical entertainment during the WOW Festival of the Trees on Sunday.
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Strings Attached

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Christmas.

With this year's concert, students took a variety of roles in the holiday performance, the last winter performance for some of the senior members of the group, such as senior violinist Kayla Rossetti.

"The Winter Concert has always been one of my favorites, and I think that Ms. Ehrman's doing a great job with the changes coming to strings" reflected Rossetti on her last winter concert and on the new instructor leading strings forwards following the retirement of former Strings instructor Ward Dilmore.

Jessica Kasparian, another of the senior violinists, concurred. "I'm excited for [the winter concert]; excited to see how it goes, and I'm also excited for student conductors' learning to take charge."

On the subject of her upcoming graduation from the high school, and her leaving Strings, Kasparian went on to reflect "It's sad, but at the same time I'm happy to have played with the same people for so long. I'm ready to bring home the violin, so the next generations of Strings can start

playing."

One of the features of this concert was the addition of various elements to the orchestra, allowing for a more varied set of music to be presented to the audience. For two popular hit songs well known today, Viva La Vida by Coldplay and The Beatles' Eleanor Rigby, senior WHS Band drummer Mark Price joined the ensemble's Rhythm Section, which includes string basses to help center the orchestra as a whole and to keep them together during a song, providing a 'backbone' to the orchestra.

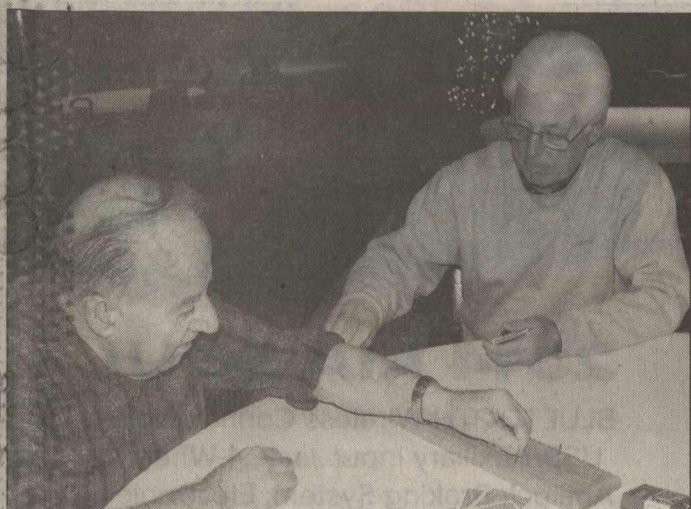
Also breaking up the normal routine for the concert was the guest conducting of orchestra member Junior bassist Aaron Harrington, who led the group in their performance of the "Trepak" from the renowned ballet, The Nutcracker.

In homage to the former and renowned Strings instructor, Ward Dilmore returned to the WHS stage from retirement to conduct the orchestra in the Strings Attached rendition of "The Water is Wide," finishing the night's music.

This year's Winter Concert for Strings Attached was one of new opportunities; it

marked the first concert performance of Strings with the teaching of Elizabeth Ehrman since the departure of Mr. Dilmore, it marked the beginning of the new

year for Strings, and it also marked another fantastic year of music culminated by a winter concert to remember.



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Mia and Chloe Stryhalaleck enjoyed a hay ride during Wilmington's Annual Lighting on the Common on Saturday.
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Mary Martyn participated in a card making workshop at the Wilmington Memorial Library last Tuesday evening. (photo by Maureen Brady-www.shootingstarspix.com)

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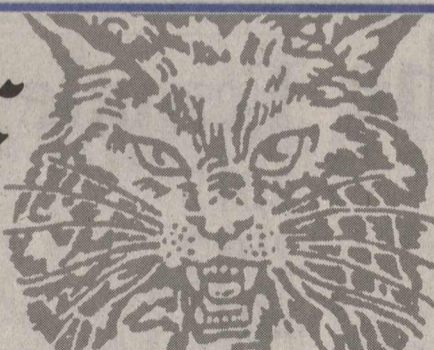
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Wilmington Town Crier's

Female Athlete of the Year: Rachael Mara

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Back in 1994 when the Town Crier started the 'Female Athlete of the Year' award, the intention was to give a special student-athlete the recognition she deserves, especially one who plays three different sports, and all three very well. That's the case with this

year's choice, Wilmington High School senior Rachael Mara is exceptional in the three sports she plays, all the while helping all three of her teams soccer, basketball and lacrosse finish with tremendous seasons.

The basketball team went to the Division 2 North sectional semi-finals, the lacrosse team made it to the

state tournament for the first time in program history and the soccer team won the Middlesex League Division 2 title for the third straight year, captured the Division 2 North

Sectional Championship for the first time in program history and advanced to the state final, losing in penalty kicks. Those three teams combined for a 40-21-1 record.

During those three different athletic seasons, Mara was a huge asset to the basketball team's success, mostly on the defensive end. She was a defensive whiz and it showed throughout the season, especially in the big second round win over Danvers. In lacrosse she was named all-conference after she set a school record with 74 regular season goals. And in soccer, she was again named all-conference after leading her team in goals with 13.

If you ask her about how many goals she scored, how many awards she has received she doesn't really know or she really doesn't care. To her it's just about the experience of playing three sports she loves but more importantly playing them with not only conviction and everything she has, but doing that alongside her teammates, her buddies and the closest friends she could imagine.

Rachael Mara is a dynamite kid. Extremely nice, sweet, energetic and bubbly, she is also extremely humbled. Not every Athlete of the Year responds this way during an interview.

"I just feel like this (award) is such an honor," she said. "I just remember growing up and going to all of the games, seeing all of the (previous) high school kids (get this award) and I just never thought this would be me. It's so weird that I was chosen and I just feel so special."

"I just don't feel like I would (get this award) had it not been for all of my teammates and all of my coaches. There have been so many different girls who I have played with throughout the years and they made me a better athlete by pushing me and without each and

every one of them I wouldn't be the athlete I am today."

When she graduates in June, Mara will end up with 13 varsity letters, playing four years of lacrosse and soccer and three years of basketball and will have served as a captain in two sports lacrosse and basketball. Currently she has been a part of four teams that have won league titles (3 in soccer and 1 in basketball) and has been a part of seven teams that have played in the state tournament.

In lacrosse she has over 130 goals in the last two seasons combined, in soccer she finishes with 21 goals and 7 assists and in basketball, just this past Friday, she started the season off with a career high 16 points in the team's win over the reigning Division 2 North Champions from Reading. She has been named an all-conference selection twice and a league all-star two other times, and she still has two athletic seasons left before she carries on to college.

She'll have accomplished all of that while suffering through asthma and also going through a period where one of her legs was longer than the other.

"This year's senior class has many talented athletes who are key players in all sports at Wilmington High School," said soccer coach Sue Hendee. "This will be a difficult group of athletes to replace next year because of the number of them and the skill level that they possess. Among the best of them is Rachael Mara. She is a three-sport athlete who plays a major role on all three of her teams, and probably has earned more varsity letters than any other senior who plays three different sports."

"You would think that someone who is as intense as she is on the field would be just as intense off of the

field, but she really is very laid back and is more concerned about her teammates than she is about herself," continued Hendee. "She is funny, kind, unassuming, and gets along with everyone. She has earned the respect of all of her teammates, and I know that I speak for all of the coaches that Rachael has ever had when I say that we will really miss her next year. Everyone loves having Rachael on their team. I have been lucky enough to have her on my team for four years, and have honestly loved every minute."

A rough start

Last winter the Wilmington High School Girls Basketball team came into the season with pretty high expectations. The team was coming off its Middlesex League Division 2 Championship season, and returned most of its starters. Mara was one player who earned a lot of minutes coming off the bench as a sophomore and was inserted into the line-up as an everyday player, mostly playing in the frontcourt. But the expectations weren't met early on. The Wildcats struggled out of the gate and were 0-4 to start the season.

"(The season) started off tough at 0-4 but we were a real close team," she said. "It was awesome how far we went, how far we took it and everyone did it together so it was just awesome. I think in the beginning we were just shaky and we would play one amazing good half and shut down in the other."

"I think we realized that we had to play for the entire game and that if we let up for one quarter we were done. We finally realized that so we worked harder in practice and got the job done."

After that 0-4 start, the team put together a tremendous winning streak winning

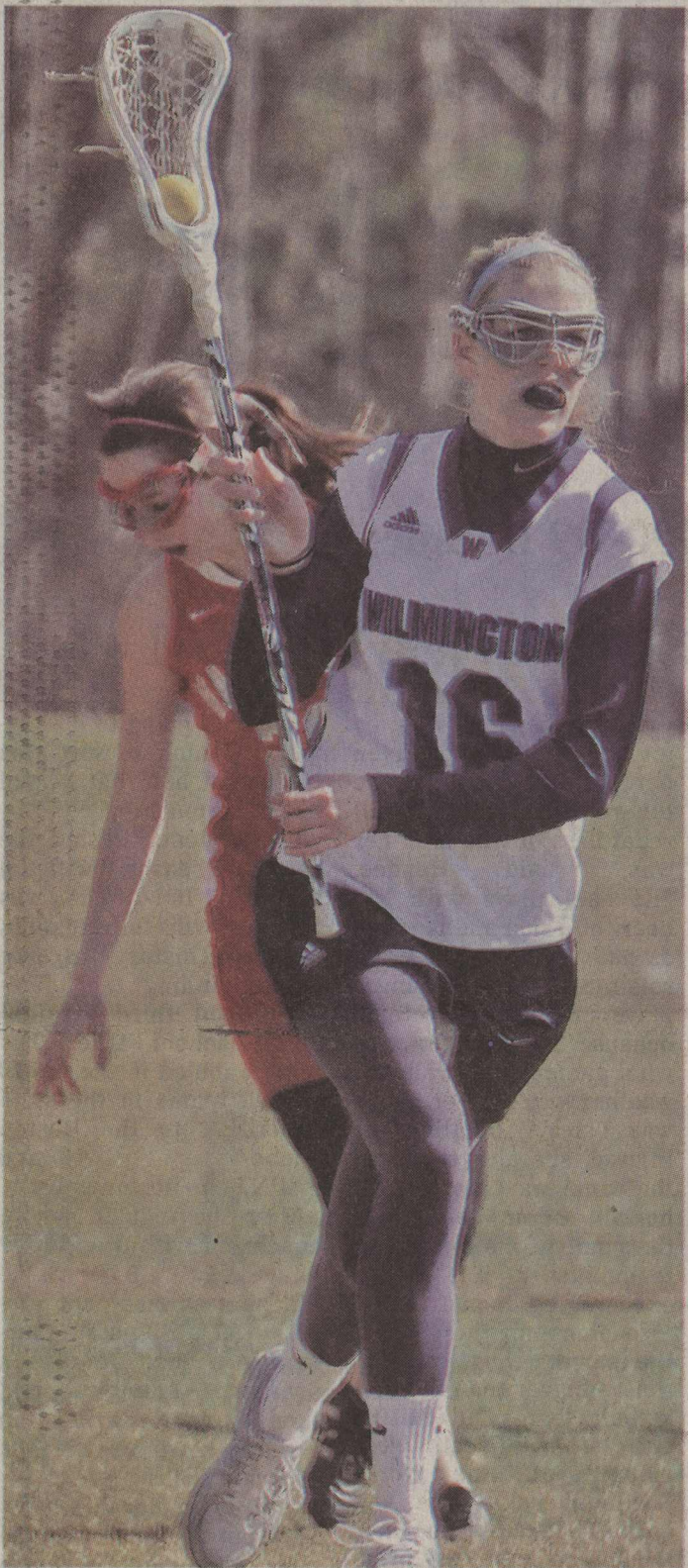
ten of its next eleven games which qualified the team for the state tournament. During that streak, Mara had one exceptional game, a must win over eventual Middlesex League Division-2 Champion Stoneham in which she finished with a then career high 13 points, as well as ten rebounds and four steals. Ten of those 13 points came in the second half.

"Rachael emerged her sophomore year playing important minutes off the bench as we captured the ML Championship," said former head basketball coach Jay Keane. "She always gave us that spark off the bench that kept the team running. As a junior, Rachael was outstanding for us as we made it to the Division 2 North Semi-Finals. Her athleticism and anticipation skills made her an important piece of our full court press and motion offense. She always gives one hundred percent regardless of whether it's a game or daily practice. Rachael is loved by her teammates. I am lucky to have had the opportunity to have coached such a great athlete and wonderful person."

After that Stoneham win, the Wildcats would finish the regular season with a 12-8 record, going 12-4 over the team's last 16 games. Among the wins came in the state tournament, first easily against Chelsea and then the tremendous back-and-forth battle with Danvers that saw Mara have the game of her life. She only had eight points but was so instrumental in the team's tremendous defensive performance with a number of big plays, whether steals or just tough hard-nosed in your face defense.

That win propelled the team into the sectional semi-finals against the No. 1 seed

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This year's Wilmington Town Crier Female Athlete of the Year is Rachael Mara who excels in three sports including lacrosse where she set a school record for goals in a season with 77. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



To the left Rachael Mara dribbles from the baseline during a basketball game held last year and above she looks to take the soccer ball up the field during a game held this past fall. (photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Female Athlete of the Year Rachael Mara

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Reading Rockets, who were led by Olivia Healey, who is currently on a scholarship playing at the University of Richmond.

"The Danvers game was a good one," she said. "It was exciting. The game was back-and-forth. Then came obviously the Reading game and that was a tough loss. We played them so tough. I think we were up by one point. It was really exciting and it stinks that we lost but it was a great run."

That was the final game of the season for the team and the final game for Keane who resigned after the season. This past Friday, the team's new coach Brie Karow earned her first win in her career over the same Reading squad and Mara believes she's very fortunate to have the opportunity to play for both coaches.

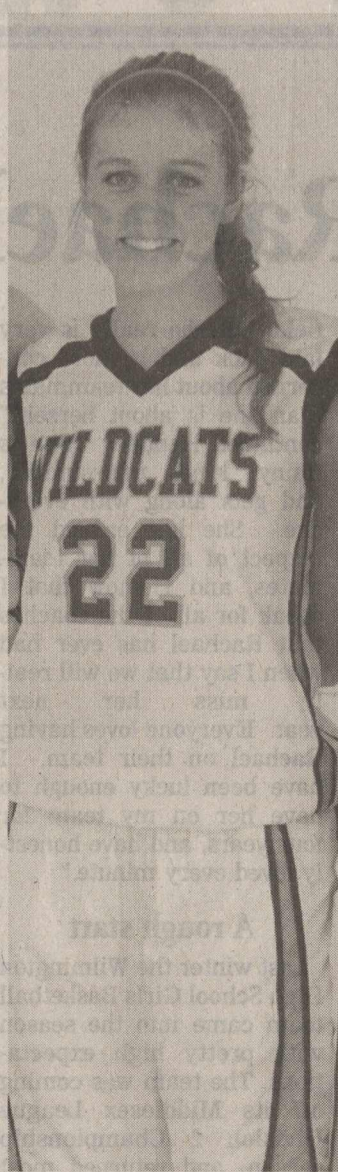
"Coach Keane was so important to the program and our success," she said. "It's weird having him gone, but Coach Karow is awesome and she's just so nice. Without Coach Keane we wouldn't have done anything. He brought us to where we were and hopefully Coach Karow will continue that."

Sticking it Out

Ever since it started, there hasn't been much success in terms of wins with the WHS Girls Lacrosse program. Last year the program was on its third coach, second in two years as Sarah Gengras took over for Maura Kee. One thing that Gengras knew going into last year's season was she had a talented center that could score, named Rachael Mara. She was one of the team's captains as a junior, and was coming off a 60-goal season as a sophomore.

"(The lacrosse season) was interesting," said Mara. "My first two years we had a new coach with (Kee) and we were all trying to get used to her and then last year we had another new coach. It was weird transitioning in with another new coach but it worked out. Lacrosse is a different sport. Not all of the girls get used to it and sometimes it can be difficult playing with so many different people, but we work well together and we have had fun."

The Wildcats finished the



coach yelled it out to me during a game and I was just like 'oh ok,'" said Mara. "I don't really think about that stuff. It's nice knowing about (the record) but really I just like playing."

Coach Gengras said that Mara is certainly one of a kind when it comes to lacrosse.

"Rachael is arguably the best center in our league with a draw control average over 75 percent," said the coach. "She is a three-season athlete, playing soccer and basketball and was awarded our team MVP last year. She was selected for the league's all-star team in lacrosse. She never misses practice, is super supportive and gets great grades in school as well."

Mara added that she started playing lacrosse when she was in sixth grade around the time the varsity program went from club to a varsity sport. At that time her older sister Bryanna was a member of the team. Rachael is the youngest of three children to her parents Bill and Christine including older brother Jamie, and the entire family has all had their hands into athletics at one time or another. Bill and Christine (ran track) played sports in Melrose before moving here where Jamie and Bryanna played multiple sports during their years at WHS. Rachael said her entire family deserves so much credit for helping her every step of her athletic career.

"My family has always been there to support me," she said. "My parents have supported me so much. If I want to play great, if not it's also OK. My Dad played sports when he was younger and they are just so supportive and always help me. The same goes with my brother and my sister, they have always been there for me. They also played sports so it was always competitive (growing up) seeing who is better than who and that was always fun."

A love of a lifetime

Rachael Mara just completed her fourth season with the varsity soccer team. Her freshman season she played sparingly off the bench and didn't record a goal or an assist. Her sophomore season she scored her first varsity goal and added an assist,

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before exploding her junior season with seven goals and three assists, ranking her third on the team in scoring all the while being an important player in the team's Middlesex League Division 2 League title and the team's trip to the Division 2, North Final, which at that time was the furthest the team had gone in program history until this past fall season.

After losing Holly Niemiec to graduation, the team needed to replace her scoring and Mara as well as a handful of other players came through in that capacity. She nearly doubled her production going from 17 points as a junior to 29 points as a senior. On the field she's so tough, especially in the air. She has very good skills, has a strong kick, has great speed and tenacity and is just so gritty inbetween the lines.

"Although she is a multi-sport athlete, she plays

them all the same way: by giving one hundred and ten percent and beating the other team to the ball regardless of who is in her way," said Hendee. "Rachael plays with the heart of a lion and is tough as nails. She was a great role model for the younger players on our soccer team because it didn't matter what game it was, what the weather was like, or if she was sick, healthy or injured, she always played the same way and gave it her all. Beyond this, she is the number one fan of her teammates and is always encouraging them."

Heading into the season, the team has huge expectations - bigger than the basketball team had at the time. The Wildcats were coming off the North Sectional game loss and had a bad taste in their mouths knowing they probably should have won that game. With 16 players back with varsity experience, it was go-time and Mara and the rest of the team were up for those challenges.

"It was amazing and so much fun," said Mara of the soccer season. "We're all so close and we have been playing together for so long. Eight of us had played together since freshman year and then two more started the following year so ten of us have played together the last three years. All of the seniors were so close and as a team we all got along and no one didn't like each other and that was a huge part of our success."

"We set goals at the beginning of the season and obviously one of them was to go to the state tournament and in the back of your mind you know you can do it but it's also like a dream (when you get that far). It doesn't happen to a lot of people and teams. Obviously it happened with the hockey team but not many others and to me it's still so weird thinking about it now that we were actually there."

"I think we have gotten progressively better each year. We got closer (to the state final) each year but we had great team chemistry and if you don't have that you aren't going to do anything. You can have a bunch of girls who are all amazing players and if they don't work together

you're not going to go anywhere. I think we were able to do that and that helped us out so much."

The Wildcats finished the regular season with a record of 16-1-1. That was the most wins for a team in program history, all the while winning the aforementioned third straight small school title. The team dabbled in the top 20 ranked teams in the state according to the Boston Globe and ESPN.com/Boston polls.

After the regular season concluded with a win over Shawsheen Tech, the Wildcats carried that success over to the state tournament beating Danvers in overtime, Arlington and then Concord-Carlisle in penalty kicks to win the program's first ever sectional championship title. That put the team into the state championship game against Notre Dame Academy of Hingham.

The two teams put on a terrific show, playing tremendous soccer for 80 minutes. The game was tied at 2-2 forcing overtime again. Neither team could score in the two separate ten minute sudden-death frames which forced a shoot-out. This time it was NDA who came away with more goals in the PKs and they emerged as the Division 2 state champions.

"It stinks that we didn't win but just the fact that we were able to get to the final is just amazing," said Mara. "Everyone just played their hearts out on that field. We had said it from day one that we had to do that and everyone did that. Whenever they went onto the field, they played their all. It wasn't just the seniors saying it was their last game, everyone who stepped foot on that field was playing for (the championship) and giving it their all."

"Going into the game we were just so excited and no matter what happened, we made it here and no other team (in program history) had done that and it was just such an awesome feeling and I'll never forget it. People say that it's only high school sports but you learn so many things playing high school sports that you can use for the rest of your life."



On Sunday night the Wilmington High School Girls Soccer team banquet was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall and on behalf of the Athletic Department, Jack Cushing presented the team's three captains with its new state finalist banner. The captains are from left Kaitlyn Curley, Alex Bischoff and Lauren Amazeen. Rachael Mara was a big part of the team's success leading the team in scoring and being named all-conference.

(courtesy photo).

Wildcats struggled with two wins last year

Boys Hoop team looking to turn things around

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

After going through one of the worst seasons in program history, the Wilmington High School Boys Basketball team will be looking to get back to its winning ways this season.

Last year the Wildcats finished 2-18 overall. They were young, inexperienced and had trouble putting teams away when they had leads late in games.

Head Coach Joe Maiella, now in his fifth season, is hoping all of that changes this season, which officially got underway this past Friday night with a home contest against Reading. This year all home games are at the middle school with the demolition of the old high school gymnasium.

"The (Middlesex) league is as strong as ever," said Maiella, two days before the team opened its season with a loss to Reading. "The thing with us is we need to learn how to win and close out a game. If we can do that, especially right away, we'll go from there. If we can do it in the first game it'll be big for us. It'll help build confidence with the kids."

This year's team will be led by its three senior captains, Colin Ahern, Kevin Keane and Scott Manganelli. Ahern and Keane are several of the Big Men on the team. Ahern stands at 6-3, Keane is at 6-2, while Connor Bennett stands at 6-9, followed by Ryan Walsh at 6-3 and James O'Regan and Zack Abbott at 6-2.

Ahern, Walsh, Keane and fellow senior Ryan McEvoy are all in the mix

to play the power forward - the four spot. Besides that, it looks like Bennett will be at the five, Manganelli at the point with O'Regan at the shooting guard spot, with Abbott at the 3.

"Connor, James and Zack will do the bulk of our scoring," said Maiella. "Connor has significantly improved from last year and I think he's already among the top players in the league. He is so much better with his back to the basket than he was last year. He's added about fifteen pounds so he's bigger, he's stronger and he's quicker off his feet. He's also getting to the rim much better and I think the added strength will help him tremendously."

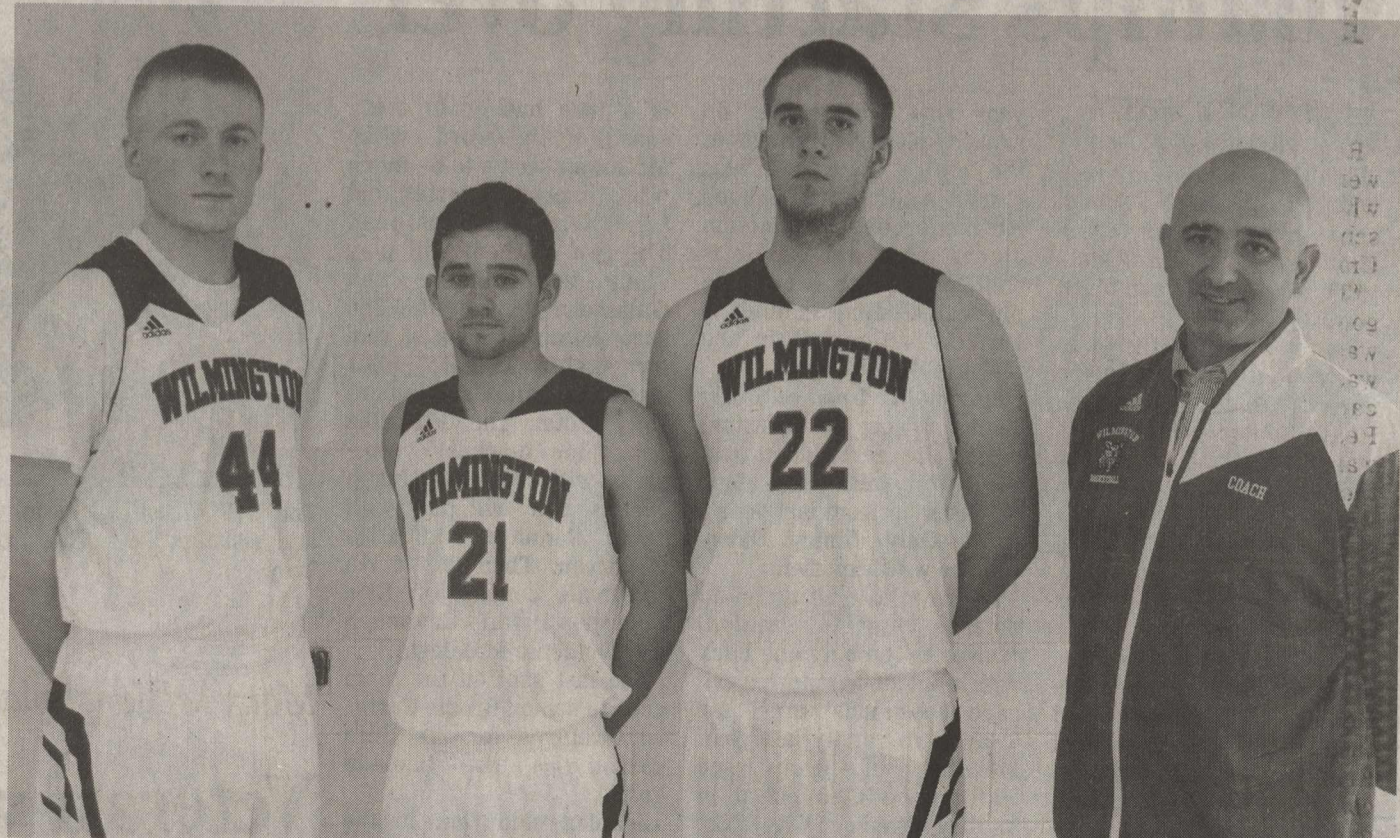
O'Regan is a fantastic athlete and showed glimpses of brilliance during last year's season. He'll be one of the team's two deadly outside shooters along with Abbott.

"Both of them are strong to the rim, but also shoot from the perimeter and defend," said Maiella. "James is a better ball handler than Zack so he'll help out the point guards a little bit but we're expecting big things from the two of them this season."

Manganelli will be the team's starting point guard and he's getting pushed by senior Jimmy Murphy, junior Ryan Colangelo and sophomore Matt Spurr.

"Scotty is a good defensive player, he's athletic and he distributes the ball well," said Maiella. "Those other three guys are all battling for time at the point guard position so it should be interesting."

The frontcourt is also



This year's WHS Boys Basketball team, under the direction of head coach Joe Maiella, will be led by tri-captains from left, Kevin Keane, Scott Manganelli and Colin Ahern. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

interesting. Bennett will play in the middle and with more experience and added muscle, he should be a force at both ends of the court. Ahern, Keane, McEvoy and Walsh are all battling for spots in what could be a rotation with several players.

"We have three or four guys in the mix right now," said Maiella. "We can go small at times, we can go big at times, so we have some options. Ryan Walsh will rotate between the four and the five and he'll back up Connor. Kevin Keane has done well so far. He provides us a lot of energy off the bench and Ryan McEvoy can also add some punch for us."

The other four members of the team include juniors Ryan Horgan, Matt

Penney, Evan Raffi and Ryan Flood.

In terms of the league, Maiella believes that Burlington is not only the best team in the ML Small, but also among the large school teams. Watertown is also very good as always and should give Burlington some fits. Melrose lost its best player for the season, while Wakefield and Stoneham will provide tough competition for the Wildcats.

Wilmington will face those small school teams twice each, and the large school teams Reading, Woburn, Lexington, Belmont, Arlington and Winchester once each.

In addition the Wildcats have the annual Christmas Tournament which will be held at Tewksbury

Memorial High School this season with the first game against Littleton and then either against Tewksbury or Shawsheen Tech in the finals or consolation game.

Wilmington also has an additional non-league game with Tewksbury, as well as one with Billerica to round out the 20 game schedule.

Last year Wilmington finished 2-18 and the year before that 8-12. The team last made it to the state tournament in 2011, finishing 17-3 and losing in the first round to Winchester.

"We just have play 32 minutes of basketball every game and go through the process of learning how to win games," said Maiella, who sports an overall record of 39-42 in four years. "I think

once we get that first win, we'll start moving in the right direction and hopefully that will lead us to the state tournament. We're going to do everything we can this season to turn this around, get enough wins to qualify for the tournament."

SEASON OPENER

The Wildcats opened their season on Friday with a devastating 69-42 loss to Reading held at the Middle School.

The Wildcats were never in the game trailing 11-2 early on before going behind 24-8, 45-22 and 61-30 after each of the first three quarters.

Juniors Connor Bennett and James O'Regan combined for 26 of the team's points.

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Two-time state champs starting over

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The last two years the Wilmington High School Boys Hockey team came home with Division 2 state titles and had a combined record of 37-7-7.

This past March the team knocked off Franklin for the second straight time on the Fleet Center ice, 4-0, to bring home the back-to-back titles. However, the team that played in that game is much different than the one that opened the season this past Saturday with a 6-3 loss to Reading.

"I think these guys realize that they aren't the same squad (as the last two teams)," said veteran head coach Steve Scanlon, who after Saturday has a career record of 284-151-151. "I think we'll be a work in progress but I think we can be a pretty good team. There's not a lot of egos on the team and that's always good."

Ten seniors graduated from last year's team and one player, Brendan McDonough chose not to come back to the team as he's skating with an Under-18 club team, outside of high school competition.

"Obviously we graduated a lot of firepower, a lot," said Scanlon. "A lot of goals went out the door between graduation and defection. We're not the same skilled team that we were last year but we still do have good team speed. We are quick, and we're not going to score goals in bunches like we did but we still have a bunch of kids who can score with (Cody) McGowan and he looks a lot better and much improved."

"I think Cody, Luke (Foley), Billy (Falter) and Steven (DeFruria) can all score and we're going to need five or six guys to score five or six goals and we need to play good defense. We have an excellent goalie who will keep us in games at all times."

The team will be led by goalie Drew Foley, who last

year was among the top ranked players throughout the entire state and was named a Middlesex League All-Conference selection among other awards. He is tremendous in between the pipes including holding a perfect 14-0 record in the playoffs the last two years.

Playing in front of Foley seems to be the question marks as the Wildcats lost three of their top four defensemen from last year's team. Only Jimmy Davey returns with experience.

"We're a little bit green on defense," said Scanlon. "Davey is the only one back with a lot of varsity experience. Those kids weren't far away from varsity last year. Mobility could be an issue with some of them but all in all they have been OK. Right now we don't have the puck moving defenseman we had with Pickett, but (Michael) Marcinkowski is hurt right now and that hurts because he was ready. Supposedly he's only two weeks away. We brought him up late last year and he's good in both ends. He can carry the puck and he can defend."

He is one of the two pre-season injuries right now after he tore his meniscus and then reinjured it several weeks ago. The other defensemen will be senior Mike Curtis and Sam D'Angelo, juniors Chris Sartori and Sean Moon and sophomore Shawn Giroux.

The second injury is to tough, rugged forward Joey Castellano, who had a few cups of coffee with the Big Club last year but injuries to both of his legs will keep him on the shelf for a while.

"Maybe a month (he will return)," said Scanlon. "He's a big physical kid so if we can get him back at any point this season it will help us. But starting the season with a couple of injuries always hurts you."

On the forward lines, the team will be led by its lone captain, senior Luke Foley. Both he and Cody McGowan return for their fourth season together, and playing on the same line together. Foley

is a true hustler in every sense of the word, while McGowan seems to be much more improved, faster and bigger than he was last year. The two of them will play along with junior John Galasso on the first line. The second line consists of senior Austin O'Neal, junior DeFruria and sophomore Billy Falter. The third line has some quickness especially with freshman Justin Collins, who will play with Steve Cannata and Mike Capistran. Then the fourth line will consist of Eric Steeves, Brian Cavanagh and Domenic Malatesta.

The last spot on the team goes to senior Brodie Curtis, who returns for his third season as the back-up goalie.

Scanlon said that in the pre-season Wilmington did pretty good in the scrimmages with Methuen, Beverly and Peabody. Heading into this season he knows that the Wildcats will have the bulls-eye on their backs, since after all they are the two-time state champions.

But before Wilmington gets ahead of themselves, including getting the ten wins to qualify for the state tournament (Wilmington has been moved up to Division 1 this year), it all starts in the very tough Middlesex League which features the two-time Division 1 state champs from Burlington, as well as a handful of usual Elite-8 contenders.

"Winchester has almost all of their team back so they should be the favorite in the large," said Scanlon. "You can't count out the regulars with Woburn and Reading and in the small school Melrose has been coming on. I think they have some good kids back and Burlington always reloads."

"It'll be a dogfight like it always is and there are never any easy games in this league. Stoneham and Watertown are probably the weaker teams and if you don't come to play, they will certainly beat you."

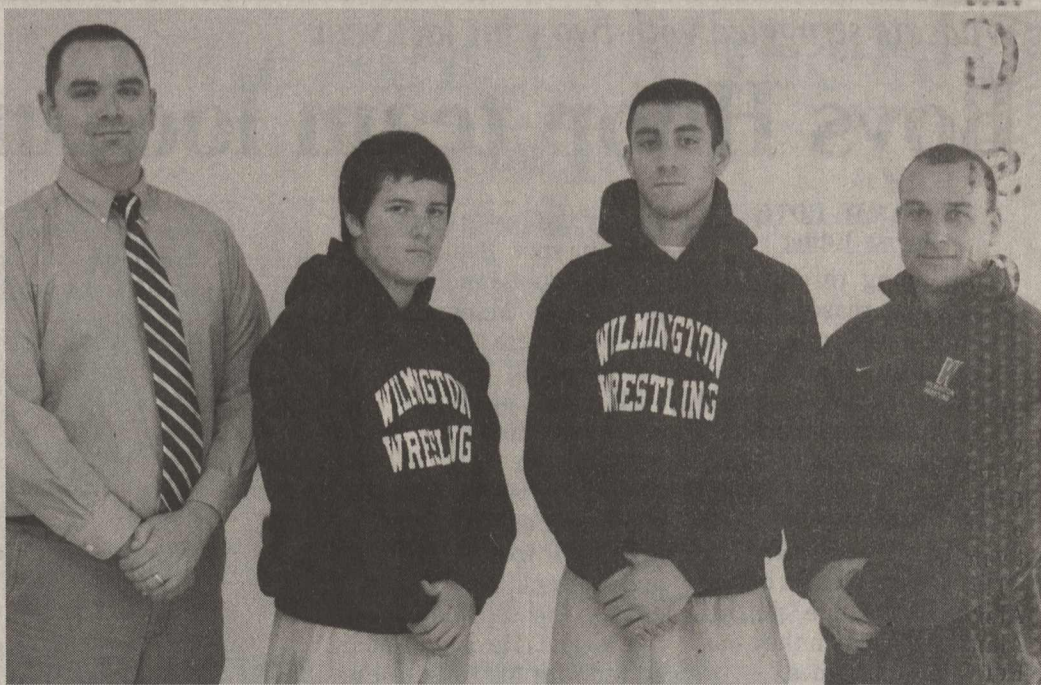
finally able to regroup and get into the flow of the game in the second half of the first period. With less than four minutes to go in the frame, sophomore Billy Falter came streaking down the left wing side and shifted past a defender before sending a nice pass to his right side to senior Austin O'Neal who finished off the scoring bid to tie the game up at 1-1.

The game wasn't tied for long as Wilmington scored again just 52 seconds later as Cody McGowan made a great play from behind the net to feed Luke Foley in front, who beat goalie Ian Lapham making it 2-1 which stayed through the first intermission.

The game remained 2-1 until less than five minutes to go in the second period as Thomson scored his second goal of the game on a great feed from Sean Verrier. Then just about two minutes later, Wilmington retook the lead again as Justin Collins and Luke Foley were working the puck around the Reading end nicely, before Foley took a pass in front of the net and put a quick shot through the five-hole giving the 'Cats a 3-2 lead again.

But the third period was all Reading, who took advantage of two Wilmington defensive miscues for two goals before adding two empty-net tallies in the final 45 seconds for the 6-3 win.

Wilmington is on the road for its next six games including facing Woburn on Wednesday night with results not known as of presstime, before going to



The WHS Wrestling team will be under the direction of interim coach Joel McKenna, left, and assistant Kevin Riley, right, with co-captains, from left, Andrew L'Esperance and Nick Troy. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Many sectional place finishers return

Veteran wrestling team set to pin down a winning season

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The last few years the Wilmington High School Wrestling team has taken its lumps as many younger and inexperienced grapplers were put to the test when they pretty green. Now two years later, the team looks to be much more experienced and could make some noise with six returning sectional place winners leading the way under the direction of Joel McKenna, who is taking over as an interim head coach after Mike Pimental decided to take a one year leave of absence.

"We have a good mix of kids and we bring back a lot of experience," said McKenna. "We have quite a few sectional place finishers and this year those kids definitely want to qualify for the state meet as well as getting to the sectional finals. We have a lot of kids with experience. We do have a couple of question marks at some of the weight classes with lack of depth in a few of them, but overall as a team we're excited about the season."

"The kids have been working really hard and they have their eyes set on some goals. I think we have a good group of motivated and driven kids and we have seen that thus far in the few weeks of practices that we've had."

This year's team will be led

by co-captains Nick Troy, a senior, and Andrew L'Esperance a junior. Troy will wrestle at 160 pounds and the last two years he has placed sixth and fifth at the sectional meet.

"Nick and Andrew both are high character kids and that's always been the first priority that we as coaches look for in kids in the program," said McKenna. "We want the kids who can provide the leadership. They are both honor roll students and they are kids who their teammates can and do look up too. Nick is in his second year as a captain and he's done a great job of motivating everyone. Andrew is learning as this is his first year as a captain. He's a good fit with his teammates and especially with the coaches. He's a very coachable kid."

Five other wrestlers are returning sectional place finishers including Collin Hoffman, a junior who placed fourth and third at the sectionals the last two years. He's bounced up to 120 pounds. Matt D'Orio (132), Tom Gorman (138), Ryan Adams (220) and Luis Larfarrello (heavyweight) are also all returning sectional place finishers returning this year.

The other starting spots have been earned by Fox Maxwell at 113, Alex Ratianzi at 126, Sam Jennings and Quinton Soye

will bounce between 143 and 152, L'Esperance is at 170, Avery Woodbury returns at 182 as does Mike Danciewicz at 195 and Bryan Metcalfe will be in the mix at heavy-weight.

"I think the kids have showed a great commitment to the team and the program," said McKenna. "We are down in numbers and have a smaller team than usual but we have a lot of juniors and seniors who have gone through their share of adversity and looking to take that next step."

Wilmington opened the season with a quad meet on Saturday and finished 1-2 beating Weston 48-30 and losing to Lynnfield/North Reading 15-18 and Hopkinton 15-24. Maxwell and Hoffman finished 3-0 while L'Esperance and Danciewicz finished 2-0.

This Saturday Wilmington will compete in the annual Sons of Italy tournament which for the second straight year will be held at the Shriner's Auditorium. This year's contest will feature 15 teams with several newcomers, including a team from both Vermont and New Hampshire while local teams Tewksbury and Shawsheen Tech will return. Wrestling will begin at 10:00 am and finals are always scheduled to be as early as possible, most likely between 6-7 pm.

Reading tops Wildcat in hockey opener

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Last year both the Wilmington and Reading High School Hockey teams enjoyed tremendous seasons. The Wildcats of course won their second straight Division 2 state championship and Reading participated in the Elite-8 tournament, losing both of its games by close margins.

After the seasons concluded, both teams lost a significant amount of talent. The Wildcats lost ten seniors and 11 players in all, and Reading lost 17 seniors.

The two teams matched-up for the 2013-14 season opener on Saturday afternoon at the Ristuccia Rink and both teams had many new faces, mostly players who were members of the JV teams last year.

Well after two solid periods of back-and-forth hockey, it was the newly aligned Reading squad which came away with a 6-3 victory, as they scored four third period goals for the come from behind victory.

"I thought we played pretty good for two periods and then we stopped playing once the game was tied (at 3-3)," said Wildcat head coach Steve Scanlon. "Then of course the power plays killed us - you can't take ill-advised penalties especially at crucial parts of the game. Our penalty killing needs a lot of work but the problem is we have inexperienced defensemen but that's something you can work on."

Reading had a 1-0 lead before Wilmington scored

the next two goals to go up 2-1 after the first period. The Rockets tied the game up at 2-2 before Wilmington took the lead again before the end of the second period and at that time they held a 23-15 advantage in shots. But the third period was a different story. Reading scored six minutes into the period, added the game winner on its second power play goal before two empty-net goals in the final 45 seconds made the game seem much different than it actually was.

"The empty net goals are inconsequential but we gave up some goals where we got beaten to the puck," said Scanlon. "I thought fitness was a problem - come third period we had some guys who were having problems keeping up. I also thought we also made some critical mistakes in the third period. It was just a bad period."

"We played two pretty good periods, but you can't make those critical mistakes and can't take those penalties. Lesson learned today so now it'll be time to move on. We're a work in progress."

Reading scored first on a power play goal just 4:01 into the game as defenseman Mike Seibold had the puck on the right blueline and faked a slap shot only to send a nice cross ice pass to the off net to winger Jake Barbera, who then fed Matt Thomson, a 29-goal scorer a year ago - on the opposite wing and he was wide open to slide the puck home for the quick 1-0 lead.

After killing off another penalty, Wilmington was

McKenna takes over the reigns on interim basis

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

In the winter of 1995, Joel McKenna was a freshman at Wilmington High School. The Monday after Thanksgiving that year, his father dropped him off and picked him up everyday from basketball practice, except his son never attended a practice and never tried out for the team. He had other ideas.

"I went to try out for the freshmen basketball team and the wrestling room was open and I saw a bunch of kids having matches on the open mats," he recalled. "I poked my head in and I knew right away that I needed to change sports and go to the wrestling program. My father had dropped me off everyday thinking I was at basketball practice but I didn't have the heart to tell him. When the rosters finally came out for the teams that year, I had to break it to him and he had no idea what I was talking about. He was a huge basketball player in Somerville so it was different for him but I fell in love with the sport ever since."

McKenna wrestled at WHS under Pimental and graduated in 1999. He then went to further his education at

UMass-Amherst with the hopes of becoming a lawyer while he also played club lacrosse there. During his four years in college, when he could he would come back and be a volunteer coach with the wrestling program.

McKenna ended up graduating from college in 2003 with a degree in political science and psychology. He then got a job away from his field for the next two years and was away from the wrestling program, before he decided to totally shift his career and get into teaching. He started in 2004 at the Tewksbury Middle School and has worked his way up to the high school where he's a special education teacher.

Throughout his eight years of teaching, McKenna then got seriously involved in coaching. He went back to the WHS Wrestling program and has been an assistant coach for the past eight years, while he's also been involved with the TMHS Girls Lacrosse program, one year as a JV coach and the past six years as the head coach. In addition he's been the TMHS JV Volleyball coach for the past seven years. Now he's taken over the program he fell in love

with some 18 years ago.

"I feel honored and blessed that Mike and Mr. Harrison both felt that I would be able to step into this role," he said.

McKenna, 33 lives in Billerica with his wife Cheryl and he said that the long history he has with Pimental already has him in the driver's seat in terms of running this program.

"Mike has been a real important figure to me while I was growing up," said McKenna. "Whether it's been coaching, teaching or working a summer job painting together, Mike and I really work well together and get along so well. I can't say he's like a father figure to me because he's not that old but he's always been such a huge influence on me."

"Anything I have done in coaching has been taken from him. He has made me a better person, better coach and a better husband for that matter. I really can't go into enough detail of just how much he has helped me throughout the years. I'm just so honored and blessed that both he and Mr. Harrison think so highly of me to take it over."

Girls Track squad looking to carry on success

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

Last indoor track season was one to remember for the Wilmington High School Girls team mostly because of the team's 4x400 relay team.

That team consisting of Alex Bischoff, Rachel Alatalo, Cassie Grasso and Kelly Hartsough finished second at the Class C Meet, fifth at the All-State Meet and 11th at the New Englands, putting forth the best showing out of any relay team in program history.

And three of them are back for this upcoming season meaning the potential is there for the team to be pretty competitive.

"The strength of the team last year was hurdles, the 300, 600 and 1,000 (meter events)," said veteran coach Tom Bradley. "Three of the girls in this group were on the 4x 400 relay team that went all the way to the New England Championships and own the school record."

"Seniors Alex Bischoff, Cassie Grasso and Kelly Hartsough were terrific and they also star in their individual events. Cassie and Alex are a potent one-two punch in the 300 and Samantha Pitzi will join them as another outstanding runner."

This year's team has just 34 girls on the team (compared to over 100 next door in Tewksbury) and 24 of them consist of 17 sophomores and 7 freshmen so the future also looks bright. Of the upperclassmen, Bischoff, Hartsough, Grasso as well as Nicole Romanzo and Jenn Kannally are the team's captains.

"I know they bring a lot of

experience, accomplishments and leadership to the team," said Bradley.

Besides the captains who bring back a lot of experience, two sophomores Casey Mcfall and Devyn Malatesta are coming off terrific soccer seasons and will return for their second seasons as 55-meter sprinters on the track. Adding depth will be newcomers Helen Freitas a junior and freshmen Nadia Barletta, Shannon Horgan and Cecilia Chase.

In the hurdles it'll be Vicky Lee who has experience and she'll get help from senior Maria Patrone, sophomores Christina Cox, Sara Rodriguez Santos, Courtney McGondel and freshmen Danielle Baldi, Julianna Iocca and Holly Doyle.

In the middle distance events, Romanzo returns in the 600 and will be joined by sophomores Christina Spinos and Julia Gake. Spinos, another person coming off an all-conference soccer season, has been moved from the 55-meter dash to the 600, while Gake was moved from the 300 to the same event.

In the 1,000, Hartsough returns and the last two years she's been among the best in that event in the league and among the state meets, while sophomore Jordyn Granara will be right with her.

In the distance events, the mile and two mile, the group is relatively young with junior Keara MacCorkle, sophomores Annie Romanzo, Elisabeth Olson, Lexi Reilly, Stacy Robichaud, Charlotte Sulick, Lily Keating and Stephanie Santini, as well as freshman Anna DeLaCruz.

Finally in the throwing events, Kannally leads the



The WHS Girls Track team opened its season this past week under the direction of head coach Tom Bradley and assistant Tracy Botelho, and the team's captains, top row from left, Jenn Kannally, Kelly Hartsough and Alex Bischoff and bottom from left Nicole Romanzo and Cassie Grasso. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

way with the most experience and she'll be aided by Brianna Tavares, while, Patrone will be the team's top high jumper, coming off a 4-8 leap from last year.

"(Assistant coach) Tracy Botelho and I are excited by the return of some very good athletes and newcomers with lots of potential," said Bradley. "We should be competitive and will be hard working."

Season Opener

Wilmington opened the dual meet season on Monday against Arlington and fell by a 50-36 score.

Taking first place in their respective events for the Wildcats include McFall in the 55-meter dash (7.9) which already qualified her for the state meet, Bischoff with a state qualifying 300-meter time of 43.64, Gake in

the 600 (1:51) and the 4x400 relay team of Bischoff, Grasso, Gake and Hartsough, who won with a qualifying time of 4:19.

Taking three points each with second places include Grasso in the 300 (44.52, a state qualifying time), Olson in the mile with a personal record time of 6:18, Hartsough in the 1,000 (3:22.9) to qualify for the states, Tavares in the shot

put with another personal record heave of 26-3 and Patrone with a 4-4 leap in the high jump.

The lone third place went to Sara Rodriguez Santos in the high jump (4-2).

"It was a loss but there were many good signs for the first meet of the season," said Bradley.

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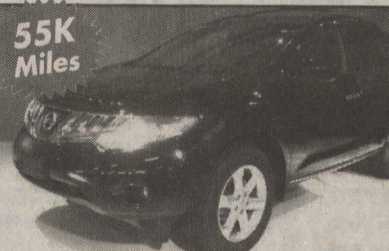
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WHS Girls Hockey Preview

Lady Wildcats hoping to climb the ladder

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

In terms of wins, the last two years have been a struggle for the Wilmington High School Girls Hockey team. But last year the team made giant strides with overall individual and team improvement, but they just had a lot of trouble finding the back of the net.

Hopefully they can build off that and improve in that area this year.

The 2013-'14 Wildcats are coming off a 4-15 season from last year under first-year head coach Jeff Covelluzzi, who took over halfway through the previous season on an interim basis after the abrupt resignation of Joe McMahon. That season the team finished with a 3-17 record.

With seven combined wins over the last two years, the program is hoping to make a major step forward this season and that could help if the team can put the puck in the net, since after all defensively and inbetween the pipes the Wildcats bring back a lot of experience.

"We have a lot of senior leadership which is good," said Covelluzzi. "It's good having the older girls who are showing the younger girls how things are being done. We have a good mix of older and younger girls, but we need the younger girls who are talented to make it happen."

"But as a team we are setting small goals and I think it starts by taking it one day at a time, one practice at a time and one game at a time. But we think we'll be competitive (in the Middlesex League Small School Division)."

The Wildcats have a blend of six seniors, six juniors, one sophomore, two freshmen, three eighth graders and two seventh graders. Five of the six seniors have a ton of experience including Taylor Parella, Chloe Castellano, Adrianna Kippenberger, Sam DePasquale and Caroline Robarge. Kaitlyn Curley has come out for the team but is currently out of action with Mono.

The junior class consists of veteran goalies Shelby McHugh and Bridget Santos, as well as veterans Lauren Fitch, Deanna Mallett, Lauren DePasquale and Jackie Ryan. Caymen Hardy is the lone sophomore, while Sam Grasso and Nicole Gianatassio are the two freshmen.

Erin Kelley, Olivia Wingate and Danielle Silva could all make a quick impact as eighth graders and Thea Aliberti and Lia Kourkoutas are in seventh grade and they have made the Big Club.

Right now Covelluzzi has penciled in Kelly, Perella and Robarge as the first forward line, with Castellano, Silva and Wingate on the second and Ryan, Lauren DePasquale and Mallett as the third. Defensively the team could be pretty good with Kippenberger, Fitch, Sam DePasquale and Grasso all having lots of experience, while the two seventh graders will also be in the mix.

"We do have a lot of experience on the defensive end as we have a lot of players coming back," said Covelluzzi. "We just have to continue to work on finding ways to put the



The senior members of the WHS Girls Hockey team include front row from left, Taylor Parella, Adrianna Kippenberger and Caroline Robarge; Back row from left, Chloe Castellano, Sam DePasquale, Katie Curley and coach Jeff Covelluzzi. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

puck in the net. The girls have worked hard in the off-season and there is skill upfront. We just have to take it one day at a time and keep improving. We should have the defensemen to keep the puck out of our zone and we do have two goalies that have played very well in the pre-season and both have experience, so it's just a matter

of finding ways to score."

Wilmington opened the season on Saturday against Reading, a highly competitive team from the Middlesex League Large School Division and fell to a 6-0 score. Wilmington returned home to face Woburn on Wednesday with results not known as of presstime and will also host Lexington at home on

Saturday afternoon.

The Wildcats will face ML Division 2 opponents Burlington, Melrose, Wakefield, Watertown and Stoneham twice each as well as large school teams Reading, Woburn, Lexington, Arlington and Winchester one time each.

In addition the team has nonleague games with Waltham, Bishop Fenwick

(twice) and Masconomet to round out the team's 18 game schedule. Two of the team's "home games" will be played at Stoneham's Arena including the February 1st game against Burlington and the February 8th game with Wakefield.

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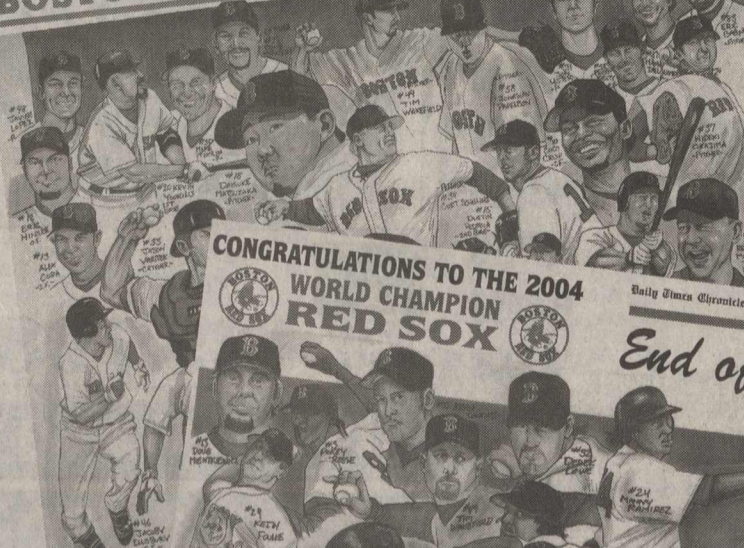
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Boys Track team starts season off with a win

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

The Wilmington High School Boys Track-and-Field team got its season underway on the right foot last Thursday with a 60-25 dominating victory over Arlington in a Middlesex League Meet held at Harvard University. That's great news for the team that consists of 36 student-athletes including 12 seniors.

"We have four captains this year, Craig Smith, Colin Chase, Eli Jennings and Connor Townsend and all of them have done a great job preparing the team for the season. They have provided the younger athletes and newcomers to the sport valuable advice about competing in the different events. The team has put in a lot of preparation in the off season and I am very impressive with their attention to detail. The senior leadership has been exceptional."

Smith will lead the team's distance runners mostly in the mile and two mile along with Jared Walsh and Alex Pizette. In the opening meet, Walsh was first in the mile with a state qualifying time of 4:41 with Smith taking third at 5:07, while Pizette got off to a quick lead and never looked back to take the 600 at ease with a time of 2:53.

Chase will be one of the team's most experienced middle distance runners. He was a part of last year's 4x400 relay team which won the Class C Meet Championship title. The other three members of that team have since graduated so he'll be looking for new teammates to be successful with. He started off his season with three points by tak-

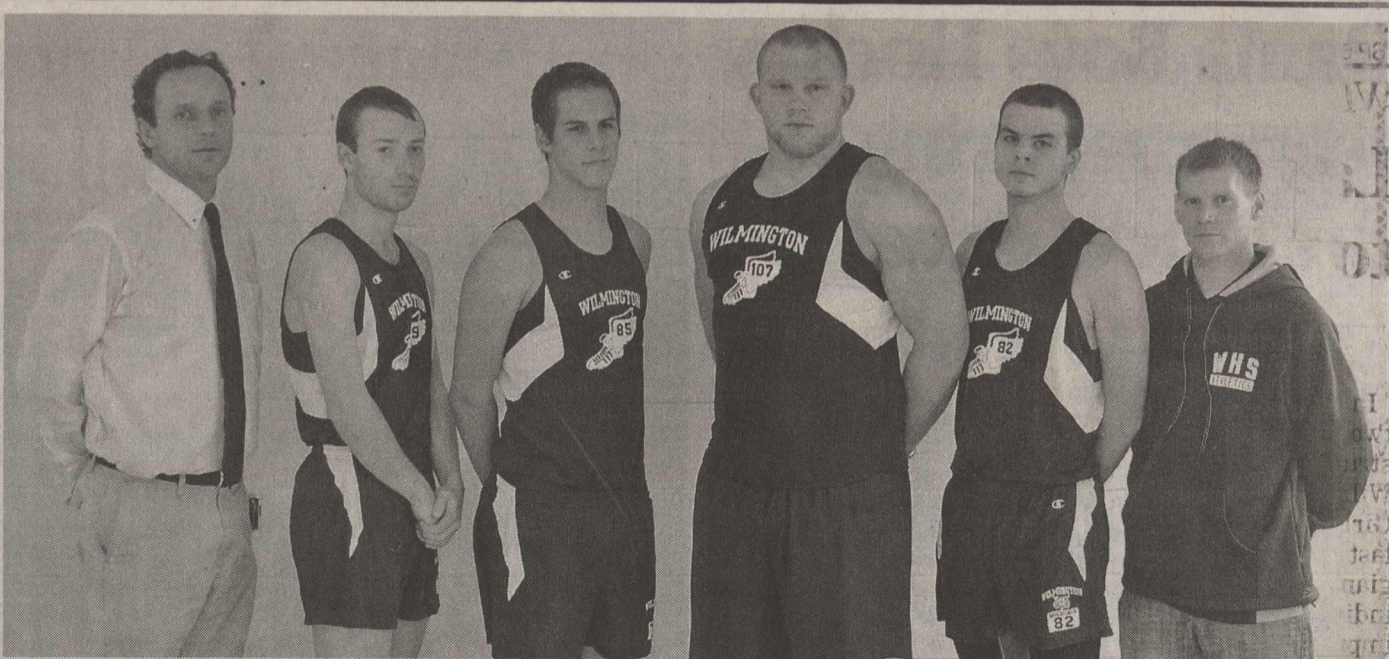
ing second in the 600-meters with a time of 1:31.17, while Vinny Poli a newcomer to the team, placed third.

Townsend will lead the way with the sprinting events mostly in the 300 with help from Kyle Souza and Chris Michelangelo.

Evan Sperlinger, Ian Falcon, Ben Rohleder and Jon Weaver will also be in the mix in various events. Sperlinga finished first in the 55-meter dash in the opening meet with a time of 7.12 seconds with Falcon finishing second. Rohleder and Weaver will mostly compete in the 55-meter hurdles. Townsend, Rohleder and Chase will also be the team's top three high jumpers.

Turning to the field events, Jennings returns for his fourth season. Already a very long resume including being the returning league champion and Division 3 state champion in the discus from last spring, he'll be helped by Weaver. In the opening meet last week, Jennings threw 45-9 to take first place and qualify for the state meet once again.

Other members of the team who will be looking to contribute include: seniors Justin LaRosa and Dylan Maltais; juniors Dan Bell, Ryan Broderick, Kevin Dunn, Steve Layon, Chris Maenza, Luke McInnis and Nathan Vince; sophomores Conor Bailey, Rob Hartsough, Mason Ouelette, Chris Patrone, Tim Scalona, Jack Stanford, Ryan Williams and Trevor Worthington; and freshmen Ian Beauregard, Jason Dunn, Jared Magliozzi, Jeremy Tingdahl, Justin Ekstrom and Raymond Russell.



The WHS Boys Track team opened its season this week under the direction of head coach Mike Kinney, left, assistant coach Brian Schell right, and captains from left Craig Smith, Colin Chase, Eli Jennings and Connor Townsend.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)



The WHS Girls Basketball team is under the direction of first-year head coach Brie Karow who poses with her three captains from left, Christa Brent, Rachael Mara and Carli Brent.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

New coach to guide Lady 'Cats

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

After going through four different coaches in about a dozen years, the Wilmington High School Girls Basketball program was the model of

consistency in each of the past eight seasons under Jay Keane.

But after his eighth season he resigned with an incredible record of 120-60, which includes 8 state tournament

appearances, 12 state tournament wins, one league title and a trip to the North Sectional Final.

Last year's team finished with an overall record of 14-9 which included a tough

sectional semi-final loss to the No. 1 seed Reading Rockets and that was the last game Keane coached. He left due to commitments

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Rams Boys Hockey team preparing for a new streak

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

BILLERICA -- When you have established a winning tradition the way the Shawsheen Tech Hockey has over the years you don't let little things like graduating a boat load of seniors stand in your way of having another successful season.

Coach Chuck Baker and the Rams certainly did not let it get in their way last season, as despite graduating 18 seniors off of the previous year's squad they still managed to go 14-7-1 and advance to the Division 3 North semi-finals before being eliminated by Bedford.

The Rams did see their streak of five consecutive Commonwealth Athletic Conference championships come to an end, as they went 6-1-1 in the league and were edged out by Rockport/Manchester Essex who went 7-0-1, but they showed that at Shawsheen you do not just rebuild, you reload.

Baker and his staff will be faced with a similar task this season. It's not quite as drastic losing 18 players, but the Rams do lose ten players off of last season's squad including starting goalie Matt Curran, and CAC All-Stars Jay Rossetti, Ryan Capraro and Nolan Gaffey.

For Baker, the turnover is just part of the job.

"We just replace them. Our JV program has been doing very well with a competitive schedule each season," Baker said when asked how to go about replacing so many players.

"Tom Struthers does a great job preparing most of the kids. My JV team is mainly made up of freshmen and sophomores who will hopefully be ready for the varsity jump by the next season."

While Baker and his staff are still in the midst of mixing and matching their lines to find the best combinations, one thing they can definitely count on is getting positive contributions from senior captain Brandon Gentile of Wilmington along with assistant captains Phil Mills and Alex Mosca.

"The kids chose the captains and I think they will do a good job," Baker said. "Brandon is a good leader and he should have a huge season."

The Rams also have the potential to be strong in net despite losing Curran, as they have plenty of depth with junior Nick Deming of

Tewksbury, junior in Ryan Barnard and sophomores, Corey Goggin and Jack Stone all battling for the number one spot.

"They are all competing for the first start of the season," Baker said. "No one has grabbed it yet."

For the first time in five years the Rams will not enter the season as defending CAC champs. It's an unusual feeling for Baker and his players and not one they want to repeat heading into next season.

"Absolutely," Baker said of his team having a little extra motivation this season. "We want to get back on track with a league title. We will compete for the title for sure. The kids are really buying in to it. They are working hard and looking forward to the opener versus Westwood."

Even with so many newcomers Baker feels this team may very well have what it takes to get back to the top of the league.

"We are a larger team than in past years and we work hard," Baker said. "Team speed is also there, we just need to use it. The team is hungry. As far as concerns, we just need to sharpen up the defensive zone. Expectations are high defensively, they just need to grasp it and work hard. We also need to put the puck in the net. We need to do more scoring this season."

The Rams may not be defending champs, but they are the standard bearers of the league, and Baker knows they will still have a target on their backs.

"Every team in the league will be a challenger for us at this time," Baker said. "Along with Rockport, Northeast will definitely be gunning for us as well."

Along with a challenging league schedule, the Rams will also face a tough non-league slate as they do every season.

Along with Westwood, the Division 3 Rams will also take on Division 2 foes Stoneham, Amesbury, Dedham Haverhill, as well as Division 3 tournament perennial Wayland.

"It will be a challenge as is every game. We will look to win each and every one," Baker said. "As a team we just need to get better night in and night out. If we do so, we will be tough come tournament time due to the higher level of competition we play all season. Only time will tell."



Above are the Tewksbury residents who are members of the Shawsheen Tech Wrestling team including: Front row from left: Mike Malaney, Nick Santoianni, Kevin Duggan, Ryan Wackrow, and Zak Zahiri. Middle row from left: Cody Souza and Rick Merrick; Third row from left: Billy Tamboli, Efrain Torres and CJ MacMillan; and Back row from left: Chris Catizone, John Robinson, and Alex Tate. And below are the Wilmington residents including: Connor O'Brien, Jay Davy, Chance Harper, Zack Toto, Bryan Tornek, and Tyler Peters.



Shawsheen Tech Wrestling Program

Five-time league champions ready to pin down another title

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

BILLERICA -- The Shawsheen Tech Wrestling team will head into this season looking to continue their incredible run of dominance over the rest of the Commonwealth Athletic Conference, as they will be seeking their sixth straight CAC title as well as their sixth straight State Vocational title.

The Rams wrapped up their fifth straight CAC title last season with a 19-2 overall record that saw them go undefeated in the CAC, and advance to the finals of the State Coaches Association Dual Meet Championship before falling to St. John's Prep.

Shawsheen coach Mark Donovan, entering his 29th season as head coach of the Rams, won't go so far as to predict another league title for his team, but he is confident that they will once again be a force to be reckoned with.

"I think we've got a good, solid team," Donovan said. "We've got nine returning starters and they are all working hard. They know they are the team to beat, and I think they like that. They believe that every match they go into they can win and they should win."

The Rams did suffer some key losses to graduation as two time CAC MVP Devonn Pratt (152 pounds) and sectional champion Dustin

Thibault, among others, have moved on after very successful careers. But Donovan is much more focused on what the Rams have returning than what they have lost.

"Losing those guys is tough, but they leave with these kids under them wanting to keep the winning tradition going and win a championship of their own," Donovan said. "They know hard work is the key to winning and they are willing to do whatever it takes to be winners."

Helping the Rams in their cause will be three of their most successful wrestlers from last season, with seniors Bryce Spinoso (113 pounds), Nick Hoar (170) and Tim Ward (138) all returning to the team. Spinoso finished third in the Division 1 North Sectional last season, while Hoar was fourth and Ward was fifth.

"They should be very good again this season," Donovan said. "Nick Hoar won the Mount Hope Tournament last week, and Ward lost his first match of the day, but came back to win five in a row and take third. Those guys and Chris Sorensen (160) will all do very well for us."

Other returning starters will include junior Tyler Tedford, (120), junior Ryan Powderly (126) Josh Merrifield (145), and seniors Mike Malaney, (182) and Zack Zahiri (220) of

Tewksbury.

One other wrestler they will not have on the mat this season will be senior Joe Steen of Wilmington. Steen, who finished fourth in the sectionals last season and was looking forward to a big senior season, but a torn ACL suffered during football season will keep him on the sidelines.

"He will be a captain and a coach for us," Donovan said. "He is gone from our lineup, but not forgotten. He is doing a great job for us in his new role."

Some promising newcomers for the Rams include freshman Jake Ferri at 106 pounds, along with freshman Ryan Wackrow, also at 106.

Others who will contribute to the Rams success this season will include senior Tyler Peters (195) and sophomore Joe Fusco at 220.

Shawsheen captains this season will be Steen in his captain/coach role, along with Hoar, Ward and Zahiri.

"This is a senior oriented team and these guys are going to be very good leaders for us," Donovan said. "They want to win a state championship, and for the past three weeks all of the kids have been battling hard and getting ready for the season."

While the Rams will obviously be the clear favorites to capture another CAC title, Donovan says it will not be easy.

"Greater Lowell and

Whittier will both be very tough and they will both be gunning for us," Donovan said.

The Rams will also face a very challenging non-league schedule, which includes Division 1 powers such as Springfield Central, Lawrence High School, and St. John's Prep.

It will not be an easy path, but Donovan is confident in his group of athletes.

"We don't duck anyone. We've got 27 meets and when you are in Division 1 like we are, you are going to have some tough battles," Donovan said. "We like the kids we have. I know it sounds repetitive, but it is true, they come to practice and they work hard. They don't take a step back from anyone and they know what it takes to win."

This Saturday Shawsheen will compete in the annual Sons of Italy tournament which for the second straight year will be held at the Shriner's Auditorium in Wilmington. This year's contest will feature 15 teams with several newcomers, including a team from both Vermont and New Hampshire while local teams Tewksbury and Wilmington will return. Wrestling will begin at 10:00 am and finals are always scheduled to be as early as possible, most likely between 6-7 pm.

Brown playing at Emory

Wilmington resident and Philips Academy graduate Maggie Brown, now a freshman at Emory University has started to work her way into the lineup for the Eagles, who are undefeated at 7-0 and ranked 11th in the country in Division 3.

Brown is averaging about five minutes and two points per game for an Eagles squad that is stacked with talented and experienced players.

Amanda Keane, a 2011 graduate of Wilmington High scored 12 points for the Roger Williams Women's Basketball team in a recent 71-54 win over Salve Regina.

Keane, a junior forward for the Hawks, who missed last season due to injury, is rounding back into the form that made her a star at Wilmington High, averaging eight points per game in her past three games.

Another former Wilmington High star Amy Fahey (class of 2010) is continuing to shine for the Fitchburg State University Women's Basketball team. Fahey, who is averaging 14.5 points per game for the Falcons this season is closing in on some all-time Fitchburg State records.

Fahey's 1,369 career points leave her fourth on the all-time scoring list for the Falcons, just eight points short of third place and just 107 from the all-time mark of 1,476 set by Lynn Dorow in 1991.

Former Wilmington High Basketball and Volleyball star Michelle Woods, last year's Town Crier Athlete of the Year, now a freshman at Wheelock College, was named the New England Collegiate Conference Women's Basketball Rookie of the Week for third time this season for the week of December 2-8, the first player in Wheelock history to win the honor three times in a season.

The center averaged 17.7 points, 7.7 rebounds, 1.3 steals, 1.0 assists and 1.0 blocks per game over the Wildcats' three games last week.

The post player showed a deft touch from the free throw line as well, shooting 74% (17-23) from the line. Woods netted 14 or more points and grabbed no fewer than seven rebounds in all three of Wheelock's contests for the week.

The freshman netted 21 points vs. Mitchell College on December 3 to mark the fourth time this season that she's scored 20-plus in a game. She also added seven rebounds, an assist and a blocked shot vs. the Mariners.

-- MIKE IPPOLITO --

With Coach Barriss retiring, it will be a season to remember

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

BILLERICA — This will be a special season for the Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball team regardless of what happens on the court.

This season will mark the 25th and final season in the career of Shawsheen coach Dick Barriss, who will be retiring from not only coaching but from his 38-year teaching career at Shawsheen Tech at the end of the school year so the season promises to be full of special memories from beginning to end.

Making things even better for the Lady Rams is that the season has a chance to be special all on its own regardless of their coaching situation as it looks like they are in good position to approach last season's 18-4 record which saw them finish second in the CAC Upper Division and advance to the Division 4 North sectional semi-finals before they were eliminated by two-time state champion Fenway.

It will not be easy for the Lady Rams of course, as they enter the season having lost two of the better players in the history of the program in Stephanie Champoux and Ari Medeiros, both of Tewksbury, to graduation. But they also enter the season with a solid corps of returning players led by returning starters Shanell Nardone, a senior point guard from Wilmington, along with junior guard Emily Irwin and senior forward Rachael Fahey.

"I would like to think we can have the same success as last season," Barriss said. "Our goals remain the same. But we are



The Shawsheen Tech Girls Basketball team has a handful of locals on this year's roster including from left, Katie Dunleavy, Victoria Baslea, Shanell Nardone, Emily Knoops, Kaitlyn McLaren, Liz Freitas and MacKenzie Griffin. All but McLaren who is from Wilmington, reside in Tewksbury. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

going to need our returning players to stay injury free and stay out of foul trouble in the early going in order to give our second team some time to get used to varsity play. At the beginning of the season our starting five will have to lead us."

Along with Nardone, Irwin and Fahey the other two starters for the Lady Rams will be senior forward Emily Knoops of Tewksbury along with senior center Ashley Rossi.

Barriss will be counting heavily on each of his starters at the beginning of the season, but perhaps none more so than Nardone, who took over as the team's point guard last season for former CAC MVP Kimberly Barriss and did a fine job. Barriss is hoping she can take another step forward this

season.

"Obviously she is the quarterback of our team and she is a real steadying influence for us," Barriss said. "She has emerged from the shadow of Ari and Kimberly and she knows this is going to be her team."

Knoops moves into the starting lineup at forward after being a key reserve for the Lady Rams for the past two seasons, and Barriss is confident that the Tewksbury resident is ready for her expanded role.

"She's one of the more aggressive girls on the team and we will need that from her," Barriss said. "We will need her banging the boards both offensively and defensively. So far in the first two scrimmages she has done that. She busts her tail all time and I

have been very pleased with how she has played so far."

The captains for the Lady Rams will be Nardone, Rossi and Fahey.

"I think most of the team has already adapted to Shanell as the team leader and Ashley as a senior is sort of like our class clown," Barriss said. "She is the one who can make everyone laugh and keep them all loose, but at the same time knows when to be serious. And Rachael is our quiet leader almost like Steph (Champoux) was for us quietly behind the scenes."

Some of the young players that Barriss will be counting on to help the season more and more as the season goes on are sophomore center Katie Dunleavy of Tewksbury, sophomore guard

Mackenzie Griffin, sophomore guard Holly DeCoursey and junior forwards Mallori Kiehl and Kayla O'Brien.

As great as last season was for the Lady Rams they were unable to capture the CAC Large title as that honor went to Whittier and Barriss knows it will be difficult once again this season for the Lady Rams to topple the Gryphons.

"We would still like to win the league and make the state tournament and the vocational tournament," Barriss said. "In our league, Whittier is the clear favorite. They bring everybody back from last year's team that made it to the sectional finals."

As for Barriss in his last go round as coach of the Lady Rams, he is doing his best to downplay it and

treat this season like any other, but he knows as the season goes on that may get more and more difficult.

"I don't know what it will be like," Barriss said. "There are times right now even in the classroom where I am doing something and I think 'this is my last parent night' or 'this is my last MCAS', so I am sure there will be moments like that during the season as well."

"I have no real special goal for the season. Winning the league, making the tournament, those are always part of what I am and that won't change. We will give it our best shot and hopefully it will work out."

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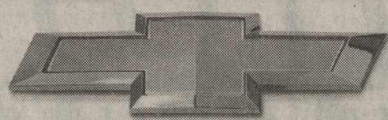
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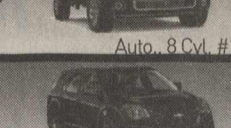
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Boys Hoop team ready to battle on the court

By MIKE IPPOLITO
Sports Correspondent

BILLERICA -- Even with a largely inexperienced roster last season the Shawsheen Tech Boys Basketball team managed to stay in the hunt for a state tournament spot until the final week of the season when a double overtime loss to CAC power Chelsea officially eliminated them from tournament play.

In two games with Chelsea last season the Rams went 0-2, losing by one point earlier in the season before the double overtime heartbreaker a few weeks later. The losses may have been the difference between qualifying or missing out on the post season.

The Rams also played very well in their season finale, battling an undefeated North Reading team to a tough game before falling 61-46. With a roster full of players who gained some valuable experience last season, the Rams will be looking to pick up those extra wins to qualify for the state tournament and possibly even make a run in the very strong CAC Upper Division.

"Last year's finish was a disappointing," Shawsheen coach Greg Bendel said. "Losing to Chelsea in double overtime to miss the tournament was heartbreaking for our team."

While last season ended in heartbreak, there is plenty of reason for optimism heading into this season. While the Rams do lose five seniors from last year's squad including Second Team All-CAC guard Paul DePlacido and three point specialist Joe Spinale of Wilmington, they bring back seven players from last season's squad including center Jared Pinette of Wilmington, a CAC All-Conference selection last season when he led the Rams in both scoring and rebounding.

Other starters returning to the lineup for the Rams are senior guard Joe Mason of Tewksbury and sophomore

forward Ryan Donnell of Wilmington.

"I'm very excited about this group's potential," Bendel, in his third year as coach of the Rams said. "We hope to work hard, improve every day and be able to compete every night. One of our goal is to qualify for the state tournament."

Joining Pinette, Mason and Donnell in the starting lineup will be junior guard Pat DeCoursey and senior forward T.J. Barriss.

Pinette and Mason will serve as co-captains for the Rams, and Bendel is confident they will thrive in their leadership roles.

"These two guys have been working really hard to prepare themselves and are ready to lead this year's team," Bendel said.

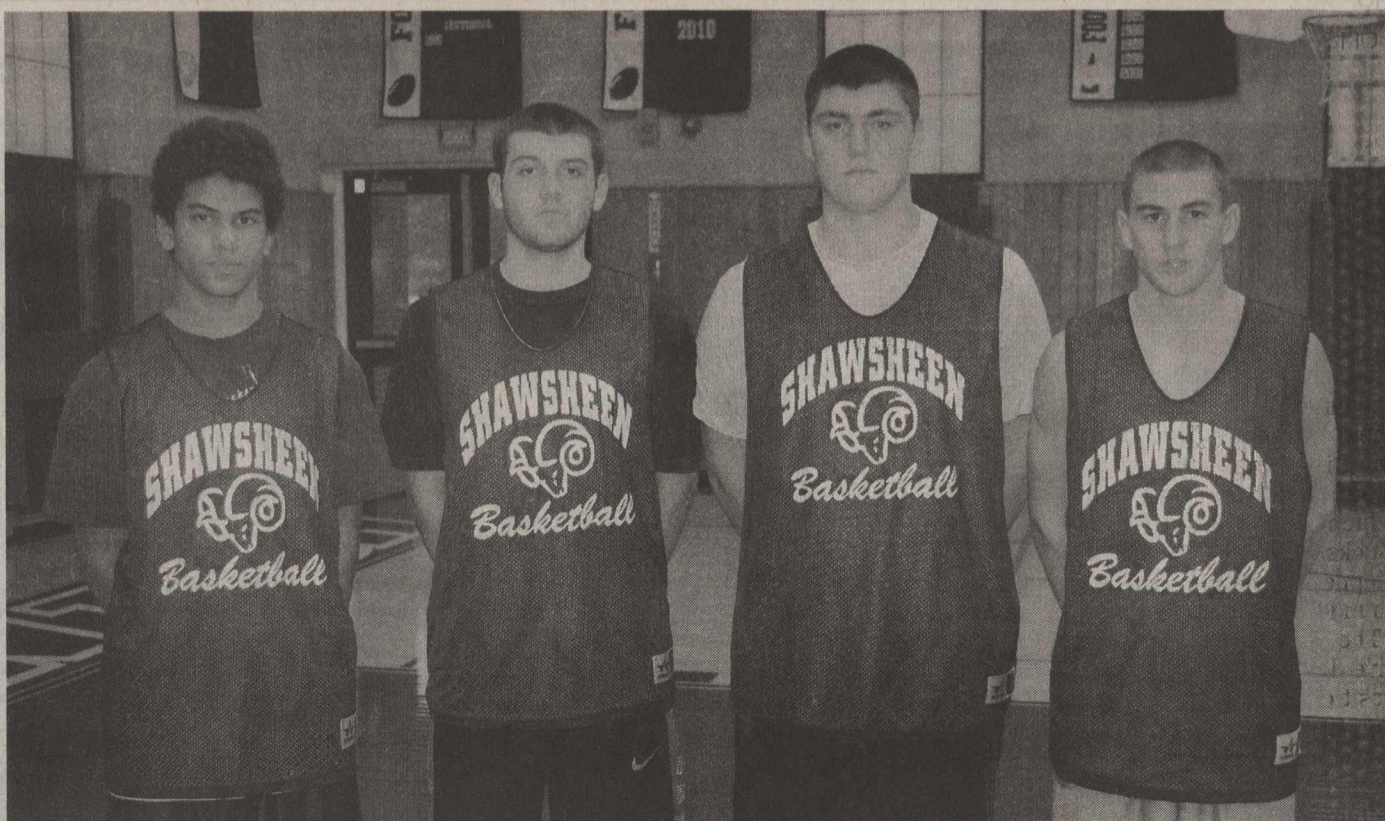
Bendel also knows that he will need maximum effort from his starters and his entire roster if his team is going to be able to compete in the always challenging CAC Upper Division.

"Greater Lowell is the favorite in the CAC Large league. Greater Lawrence and Chelsea are always tough too," Bendel said.

The Rams will be tested right from the start this season when they open their season against Greater Lowell on Tuesday night in Tyngsboro.

"That will certainly be a tough test for us right off the bat. We are going to find out very quickly what we are made of going against Greater Lowell for our first game of the season," Bendel said. "They have one of the best teams they have had in a while"

The Rams will also play a very challenging non-league schedule this season, competing in the Knights of Columbus Christmas Tournament along with Tewksbury, Wilmington and Littleton, and will play in the St. Mary's Tournament in February where they will face Arlington Catholic.



Above are the locals who have made the Shawsheen Tech Boys Basketball team including from left, Jared Roane of Tewksbury, Joe Mason of Tewksbury and Ryan Donnell and John Reynolds of Wilmington; Below are local members of the Rams Boys Hockey team including: Front row from left, Wilmington residents Brandon Gentile, John Murray, Jim Gatreau, and Rob Greensburg. Back row from left: Nick Deming, Tyler Abele, Scott Browne, Paul Rice Jr, and Jack Stone. Missing is Bayant Bonaiuto.



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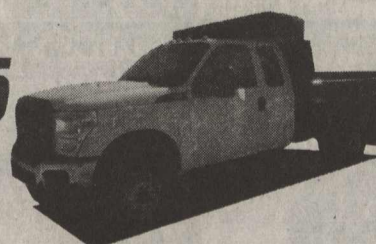
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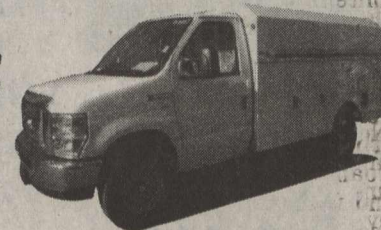
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Cadet Summaries

Bucks 22, Pistons 12

With a slim two point lead at halftime, the Bucks looked to their strong defensive and aggressive rebounding game to carry them to victory. However, the Pistons quickly tied the game in the third period, which lit a fire under the Bucks that would not be stopped until the final horn sounded.

The Bucks used aggressive defense from the guard positions and solid rebounding from the post players down low to put together a 12-2 run in the final 8-plus minutes of the game and come away with a hard fought 22-12 win; their fourth of the season.

The Bucks were led in scoring by Brian Carleton and Tristen Leslie (6 points each). Noah Lehouillier, Ryan Murphy, Dylan Paulding, Brenden Owens and Colby Coolidge each contributed with two points each. Carleton, Paulding, Ian Shpritzer, and Owens each contributed with multiple steals, which led to scoring opportunities from the guard position. Leslie had multiple assists as a result of impressive passing from the forward position.

William Humphries, Cobbiage, Lehouillier, Murphy and Scott Miller had solid rebounding games leading to multiple second and third shots for the offense. Miller played with intensity and hustle throughout the entire game; single handedly leading to six points for his teammates.

The Pistons lost their game with the Bucks this past Saturday in a hard fought game. The game was close from the start with both teams playing hard. The Pistons had a great offensive effort with a lot of players in the mix; Tim Bradley (6 pts), Morgan Dunham (2 pts), Cooper LeMieux (2 pts), Jared Krueger (1 pt), and Simon Dunham (1 pt) all put points on the board for the Pistons.

Vincent Marchelletta and Mathew Tramonte showed great ball handling skills as Pistons guards and Shea Moynihan had some great defensive plays that kept the game close with the score tied at 10-10 into the second half. A late run by the Bucks broke things open and unfortunately the Pistons were unable to come back from the deficit.

Thunder 21, Suns 17

The Thunder jumped out to an early lead and were able to hold off a tough Suns team for the victory. The passing on the offensive end was crisp led by Derek Wogan with two assists. The good passing enabled six of the nine players to get into the scoring column getting points from Nicholas Alvarado, Bobby Branchaud, Matthew Duggan, Connor Griffin, Brady McHugh, and Andre Monteiro. McHugh anchored a strong defensive effort, which also received solid contributions from Paul Allen and Jason Forbes.

Noah Rizzo had the hot hand with 12 points for the Suns, followed by several key baskets by Anthony Burgess and Ben Piccolo. Jake Ryan and Andrew Estabrook had some quick steals and strong rebounds while Ryan Mackeen led the defensive charge. Nicholas Gonzalez delivered several shots and had a smooth breakaway. Alex Dellorusso snatched up every loose ball while Robbie Beggan and Jonah Bennett delivered a clinic on defense.

T-Wolves defeat Raptors

The T-Wolves won their third straight in a tough game against the young Raptors. After falling behind 2-0, the T-Wolves used their good passing offense to surpass the tenacious Raptors defense. The T-Wolves were led in scoring by Ian Maresca (10 pts),

Kodie Legrand (6 pts), Colby Flahive (4 pts), Evan Galanis (2 pts), and Edward Galante (2 pts) to take command of the game.

The scorers were set up by excellent passing, by David Forgione and Noah Healey, who made several nice passes. Excellent timed steals and solid middle defense were crucial to the victory. This defensive effort was most exemplified by Jason Morris who made a great leaping steal late in the game, which led to a fast break. Outsized at times, the team battled for rebounds throughout the game, none more than Colin Hansbury.

Luke Montejo and Justin Magee lead the way in the scoring for the Raptors. Unfortunately the rim was unkind to the Raptors as there were several shots that rimmed out or just would not fall in. Nice aggressive defensive plays by Eric Bellavia, Jason Svendsen and Zach Hayes and strong rebounding. Daniel Richardson, Anthony Naghibi and Michael Gaglione had some great steals and helped push the ball up the court.

Connor Broderick, Lucas Adams, Peter Impink helped on the offensive side of the court with some nice passing to set up several scoring chances.

Sixers 14, Rockets 13

This week the leading scorers for the Sixers were Ryan Fleming who was on fire with five baskets and a total of ten points. Additional baskets were scored by Pouriya Mehrabani and Kyle Adams who had one basket each, for two points. David Timmons had at least a dozen shot attempts on the board, but couldn't catch a break with several shots just falling off the rim.

Both David and Sam White played strong defense together, causing many jump ball calls and creating many steals. John O'Donnell, Braydon Alyward, Owen Kinnon and Nathan Jolly all played strong defense down low and on the wings and were instrumental in assists offensively.

For the Rockets, Shayne Exilhomme and Daniel Sullivan gathered up several rebounds each while also doing a good job handling the ball and distributing it along with Timmy Panaliatis. Playing excellent defense for the Rockets were Jimmy Holmes, Jayden Trudeau, and Colin Buchanan. Brendan Waddell played very well down low and inside the lane at both end of the floor. Liam Kelley played an all-around solid game at both ends of the floor.

The Rockets were led offensively by Shayne Exilhomme with six points, followed by Timmy Panaliatis with four points, Daniel Sullivan who chipped in with two points and Brendan Waddell with one point from as free throw.

Knicks defeat Pacers

The Knicks had another strong offensive showing on Saturday as they topped the 20 point plateau for the second straight game. Ryan Flynn (9 points) and Blake Ryder (8 points) led the way on offense and also helped to control the paint on the defensive end. Jayden Donaher chipped in by throwing three tremendous passes that led to easy baskets and Seamus MacDonald scored for the second game in a row.

Joey Bourgea scored four points and Quinn Brown was once again a defensive terror. Quinn had several steals and made it very difficult for the other team to setup their offense. Matt Stadtman and Santino D'ippolito also both grabbed some strong rebounds and helped to bring the ball up the court. Overall, the Knicks played

their best team game of the year.

The Pacers were led offensively by Drew Rennell and Jack Rennell in scoring while Cam Kearney, Jacob Martel and Ian Starr all played some amazing defense. The Knicks offense was just too strong for the Pacers on this day. The Pacers worked very hard throughout the game with top notch passing, stealing of the ball and spreading of the court which was led by Alex Grove, Drew Nestor, Ryan Thompson and Billy Burris.

Celtics 14, Hawks 8

The Celtics played their best team game so far this season earning assists on a majority of their baskets. After falling behind by two points early in the game, Matthew Flynn found Noah Williams for a layup on back to back plays setting the tone for the C's. Williams lead the team with six points. Strong all-around games were played by Flynn (two points, two assists, and five rebounds) and Romyn Lorick (four points, three rebounds, and one assist).

Alexander Arbogast finished the scoring with two points and added five rebounds. Cade Barron was also big on the glass pulling down four rebounds. Adam Saad and Carter Forbes showed big improvements contributing aggressive defense efforts. Daniel Franklin and Dominic Johnson did a nice job bringing the ball up the court and getting the offense started.

For the Hawks Albie Bosworth started the scoring with a basket and ended up with six points and four-rebounds to lead the team. Micheal Carlson added a basket and two steals while providing solid all-around play. Michael Hill was a monster on defense coming up with 4 steals, driving to the hoop and making some sold passes. Johnny Baker added three steals and solid ball handling to the effort. Nichols Ingersoll stole the ball, brought it up court and passed to earn a nice assist.

Kyle Cumming played solid shut down defense and was a key player in keeping the game close with his ball handling skills. Ryan Feudo passed the ball well in the effort. Aidan MacDonald was everywhere on the court, blocking shots, rebounding and making several key steals.

Junior Summaries

Celtics 27, Cavs 19

The Celtics (4-1) scored the first 12 points and survived a second half run from the Cavs with strong team defense and rebounding. Celtics scoring was led by Derek Munroe with ten points followed by Liam Macdonald with four, Cameron Loder with four, Aiden Grogan with three, Brady Johnson with two, Jake Pelletier with two and Logan Auth with two. Cameron Lameroux played a strong center position with many rebounds and blocked shots.

Warriors 19, Wizards 17

The game was back and forth all day long with the Warriors slowing down the Wizards offense early going behind aggressive defense from Will McFadyen (8 steals) and Julian Costello. Sreetej Digmurthi and Sean Kaiser worked a perfect give and go in the second quarter with Kaiser netting two of his team high six points.

The Warriors trailed 10-6 at half time but kicked the offense into gear in the second half behind buckets from Kaiser, Luke McFadyen and Will McFadyen to take a two-point lead into the fourth quarter. Ryan Melo hit a key jumper to stretch the lead but the Wizards fought back and took a one point lead before Travis Cohen (4 points) made the game winning shot off a great pass

from Sean Kaiser.

Luke McFadyen (5 points) sealed the victory with a free throw in the last tensesconds. Bryan Doherty and Dylan Crowley were outstanding in grabbing big rebounds to feed the Warrior offense.

The Wizards had six players with points, Jonny Norwood, David Miller and Jason Donaher had four points each with Colin Goggins, Ethan Exilhomme and Colin Fullerton also scoring in the game. Logan Teixeira had a great defensive game with a number of steals and blocks with Connor McFadyen, Felix Nararette, Nathan Norwood and Will Forbes also playing great defense.

Sixers 23, Spurs 15

The Sixers started off with an explosive first half scoring 15 of their 23 points and holding on to win their first game of the season. Nik Smith led the team with 11 points, Eric Ndungo added six points and three steals, with Cole Kimtis and Logan Reinhard adding four and two points respectively. The defense played tough, especially in the second half with strong rebounding from Aidan Crawson, Damien Hadden, Nicholas Danielson, Paul Spanos, and Robert Ryan, who also had a steal. Jonathan Spanos contributed to a great defensive effort with a blocked shot.

Mathew Woods led the scoring for the Spurs with eight followed by Dylan Dufresne with four and Samuel Hines with two. Brady Litton pitched in with a nicely made free throw. The strong defense was led by Ryan Rosenberg with a ton of rebounds, along with great plays made by Charles Matsas, Daedon Bere and Joshua Linnehan.

Lakers 20, Mavs 16

Both teams started slow trying to match up players. The Lakers got on the board first with Robert Cortes (8 pts) putting in a layup rebound, then Mike Wilson hit a nice jump shot for his two points. Nick Polimeno (4 pts), with two nice open court jump shots kept the Lakers out front. Sean Fahey and Lee Ghannam kept the Mavericks from mounting any offense and a 12-0 half time lead.

The second half started slow for the Lakers and the Mavs tied the score. Abhi Lingareddy (3 pts) helped the Lakers keep the lead with the help of great defense by Nick Wilson, Mihir Bagul and Jack Stadtman forcing the Mavs outside. Sean Fahey (3 pts) put the Lakers out front with a nice corner shot and a foul shot to win the game. At total team effort by the Lakers was played by all. James Ministeri had broken his toe and missed the game but was seen cheering from the sidelines.

Despite finding themselves down 12-0 early the Mavs never gave up. Scoring for the Mavs were Mark Olu eight points with Derek Wilkinson, Devon Stoddard, Henry Pestana, and Cullain Johnson each adding one basket. Playing great defense and showing great hustle were, Jordan Mackenzie, Nick Johnston, Alex Johnston, Josh Engelken, and Paul Tower.

Intermediate Summaries

Jazz 29, Heat 24

The Heat came out fast, starting the game on a 9-0 run, led by Daryl Quek, who had five points and three steals in the game. Andrew Maresca had another strong game for the Heat, leading the team in scoring with seven points, before needing to leave the game with an injury (ankle) early in the fourth quarter.

With time winding down, the Jazz were able to hold on to their lead and not allow the Heat many shots. Other top performances for the Heat were put in by Steven Nickerson with four

points and four rebounds, Chris Blimberg with two points, one steal and three rebounds, and Ian Tacey with two points, one steal, two blocks and three rebounds. James Reardon and Jared Gray each scored two points while Diego Monteiro and Pranav Hari made contributions on the defensive end.

The Jazz were able to hang on yesterday and hold off the talented Heat by a score of 29-24. Leading the offense for the Jazz were Ryan Meuse with 11 points and Josh Donaher with ten points. Matt Ferreira, Nick Stephens, Nate Wilkinson, and Derek Wallace all added one basket each. Shawn Manson continues to play great at the guard, while Mike Bankowski and Jack Kenneally played tough down low. Matt Pelletier who forced a couple of turnovers late played his best game of the season.

Hornets defeat Thunder

The hornets were lead on offensive by Andrew Lefebvre, Adam Hines, who both had eight points also Logan singleton had six-points and Cameron Hodgson had 5 points. The defensive effort was great by Mike Fowler, Zack Hines, Gustavo Tizotti and Justyn Lester who manned the boards.

Suns 38, Wizards 29

The Suns broke out in the final quarter to defeat the Wizards. Leading the team to victory with an outstanding effort of shots on the basket, defense, rebounds and steals were: William Mance, Ryan Bennett, Anthony Miano, and Jack O'Neill. Scoring was spread around to six of the Suns.

The Suns inside game was on fire with scoring led by Phadungdet Kaeokit with 14 points, followed by Matthew Dugan with eight points. Sean Whelton had seven points, Christopher Zdinak had four points, and both William Andella and Harrison Graczyk had two points.

The Wizards played their best game of the year keeping their effort up and the score close the entire game. Even when the Suns started to pull away the Wizards managed to cut the Suns lead at the end of the first half down to one point. Scoring in the first half was generated from Xavier McShane, Matt Perron and Alec Sokol.

The Wizards executed phenomenal pressure defense lead by Owen Gilligan, Rich Capiello and Nick Capiello who caused multiple turn overs and cut down the amount of scoring opportunities for the Suns. Despite second half scoring from Dominic Cohen, John Murphy and Sean McMahon the Wizards were unable to close the scoring gap and fell short 38-29.

Other Scores

Bobcats 43, Celtics 35

Senior Summaries

Bobcats 58, Hornets 53

The Bobcats and Hornets played a back and forth game Saturday. Mike Flynn, Dave Pesantes, and Damian Dugan led the offensive attack, while baskets by Danny Nguyen and Jarryd Hickey in the first quarter got the Bobcats up early. Great defense including tough guard play by Danny Carter and clutch rebounding by Josh Snyder and John Kenney kept the Bobcats in the game. Late baskets by Nick Heinze and Ryan Nickerson sealed the win for the Bobcats as they improved to 3-1 on the season.

The Senior Hornets had their first difficult game of the season, and were handed a close loss by the Bobcats. The Hornets had to contend with not having a full team and unfamiliar lineups, early foul trouble, as well as exceptional players on the Bobcats to contain. Despite the obstacles they played hard to end losing by only a few baskets.

The leading scorer was power Forward Leo Frisella who muscled in 12 points, followed by big man Center Ben Connors who dominated off the glass to put in eleven points. Despite early foul trouble for Guard Matty McLaughlin he was able to last the full game and contributed ten points. Center Robert Page helped the Hornets make a late run by dropping in six points in the fourth quarter, and Forward Brendan Murray also added six points with key outside shots. Daniel DeRosa's relentless defense led to Derek Steinbrecher having two clutch baskets (4 points) to stay pace with the Bobcats. Sam Fortier and Nick Borges each carved through the tough defense to put in two points.

Magic 51, Timberwolves 46
Top scorers for the Timberwolves were Chris Chiccarelli with 11 points and Joshua Tirrell getting nine points.

Blazers 40, Sixers 32

Although still in search of their first win, the Sixers continued to play good team ball, with seven different players getting buckets for the third time this season. Bryan Lelos led the way for the Sixers with 14 points. Elijah McTiernan, Jonathan Raschella, and Nick Zullo each scored four points. Jacob Cofer got his first basket of the season, and Robbie Gilligan and Nick Catizone each scored two. Pat Carleton played a good game at point guard, feeding his teammates on a number of assists. Nick Chinappi, Raymond Humphrey, and Jonathan Zurawski all pitched in with good defense, some nice picks, and a few key rebounds.

Other Scores

Bucks 43, Rockets 41

Travel

6th Grade Red
Tewksbury 43,
Chelmsford 27

The Tewksbury Sixth Grade Red team squared off against a strong Chelmsford Maroon team on Saturday and came away with a hard fought 43-27 victory. Tewksbury was forced to start the game with only eight players and played the entire first half with just three substitutes. Tewksbury's aggressive defensive style once again proved effective but was taxing on the team with such a short bench.

Tewksbury's offense could only muster 14 first half points and took a 14-12 lead into the break. The boys came out re-energized in the second half and began to take the game over. They were bolstered by the arrival of Greg Sencabaugh (4 pts) and Nicky Iannaco who brought some much needed fresh legs to the effort. Richie Markwarth led all scorers with his dominant inside play leading to a 14 point game.

The sharp shooting of Garrett Kingston (8 pts) and the incredible hustle of Nolan Timmons (7 pts) also provided a much needed spark. The scoring was rounded out by Chris Antonelli (5 pts), Paul Manzi (2 pts), Thomas Bradley (2 pts) and Shayne Aylward (1 pt).

Tyler Keough chipped in with his typical defensive hustle and gave Chelmsford fits throughout the contest. Colby Brown was once again forced to be a spectator for hopefully the last time as he hopes to have his cast removed in time for the next game which would be the best Christmas present for the coaching staff.

Tewksbury Red is now 3-0 in MVL play and 9-2 overall.

Mystics able to defeat Comets, 19-6, in Youth Girls Hoop play

Junior League
Mystics 19, Comets 6
The Comets came up a little short in their game against the Mystics but all around great effort by all the girls. The ball was just missing on several great shots from Megan Boudreau, Lexi Bobotas, and Krysta McCallion. Scoring leaders were Alex Fowler (4) and Christina Capachietti (2) with assists from Brooke Woodman and Courtney Capachietti. Great defensive efforts were turned in by Sadie Basile and Nicolette Evangelista.

Abby Demos and Natalia Nickerson had six points each as they led the Mystics to their third straight win to open the season. Nickerson was also a force on defense as she had many steals which led to fast break opportunities. Julie Figucia had four points in the first quarter which gave the Mystics the lead for good after falling behind 2-0 early. Rounding off the scoring was Kileigh Crail with two points as she swished a nice long outside shot and Fiona Green with one point after she made a great free throw shot.

good shot, rebound or assist.
Mercury vs. Rockers
Team Mercury came out on fire with their first win this week. They played intense defense and rocked the offense! Kayla Fisk, Nicole Potito, Asha Speller and Rachel Picher scored all in the first period. Sara Boucher got every rebound that came her way! Isabella DeMatos stole the ball and hustled down the court every play. Caleigh Shanahan played a strong defense and worked the boards down low. Nina Moulton and Meagan Marshall kept the offense at bay and set picks for the ball handlers.

The Jayhawks victory over the Eagles was a true team effort, with seven Jayhawks scoring, and all eleven of them stepping up their game to reach this victory.
The rebounding efforts of Janine Richardson, Emma Demos and Brandey Geldart were outstanding on both offense and defense.
Scoring for the Jayhawks were Rebecca DeFrancesco, Emma Demos, Emily Chmela, Jess Carideo, Meghan Ostertag, Janine Richardson and Amber Buttarro. Angelina Carew played her usual scrappy defense, creating several Eagle turnovers and Amber Cullinan and Sophia Gouveia hustled on both ends of the court, breaking up fast breaks and making some key passes which led to scoring.

tained their defensive pressure all day. Defensive players of the game were the guards Ladderbush, Kerry Shea, Elizabeth Lam, and Molly O'Neill who denied the Terriers from getting the ball inside.
Cougars 22, Wolverines 13
The Cougars played the Wolverines and were able to come away with a solid victory. It was a hard fought game, but the Cougars held their composure perfectly and just played their game. We are seeing our scoring abilities spread across the whole lineup with new contributors every single week.
Isabelle Frost has turned into a very solid player for us both offensively and defensively.

Alicia Moore and Karina Crowley.
Travel Round Up
Girls 5th Grade
The 5th Grade girls travel team showed their competitive prowess at their pre-season Tap Off Tournament at UMass Lowell.
After going undefeated in their bracket, with convincing victories over Lowell, Westford, and Chelmsford, the Tewksbury girls faced a tough Billerica team in the Championship Game. The Billerica team proved to be just a little too much, but the girls fought hard and were great to watch. Congratulations to the girls for making it to the Championship Game.
This year's team includes: Megan Boudreau, Izzie Carleton, Alex Fowler, Allie Indingaro, Alyssa Marchelletta, Katherine Marquis, Erin McIntyre, Adrianna Niles, Madison Pierce, Lexi Polimeno and Asha Speller.

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INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Docket No.
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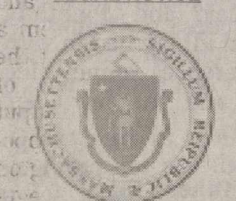
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Burnett
Date of Death:
08/21/2013

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Joan

McRobble of Wilmington MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Joan McRobble of Wilmington MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

DOCKET NO.
MI13P5696EA

Estate of:
Francis E. Downs, Sr.
Also Known As:
Francis Downs,
Francis E. Downs
Date of Death:
09/19/2013

To all interested persons: A petition has been filed by: Andrew M. Downs of Pelham NH requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition And also requesting that: Andrew M. Downs of Pelham NH be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve With Corporate Surety on the bond.

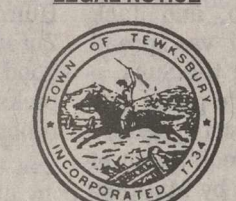
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition of at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 01/03/2014.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS,
Hon. Peter C DiGangi,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 05, 2013.
Tara E DeCristofaro
Register of Probate
05562018 12/18/13

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the Massachusetts Shade Tree Act (MGL Chapter 87, S.3 as amended) the Department of Public Works will hold a public hearing on Friday, January 3, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. for objections, if any, to the removal of (1) Public Shade Tree. The location of the Public Hearing will be at the Department of Public Works Building located at 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury.

The tree (pine) posted for removal is located at 213 Patten Road, William Chandler, Tewksbury Tree Warden
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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 7, 2014 at 9:15 p.m. in Room 9 of the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for Site Plan Review #13-9, plan entitled, "Change-In-Use, Parking Plan"; dated December 10, 2013, prepared by Registered Landscape Architect: Christopher C. Huntress, Huntress Associates, Inc., 17 Tewksbury Street, Andover, MA 01810; submitted December 13, 2013 for Advanced Placement Sports, Inc., 7 Hawk Ridge Road, Andover, MA 01810. Said property is located at 33 Upton Drive, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcel 205. This application is the result of a change in use and changes to the existing parking area.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.
Michael Sorrentino,
Chair
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Sparks vs. Storm

This week featured a balanced scoring attack by team Sparks. Emma Fleming (2 points), Allison Indingaro (4 points), Aliana Kennan (2 points), Katherine Marquis (4 points), Abby McAllister (2 points) and Madison Stovesand (2 points) combined for a season high 16 points.

Emma Fleming made multiple steals, and Mia Gaglione played great defense. Every player contributed on offense with either a

The Rockers played great defense for the whole game. Isabelle Carleton, Erica Hinkle, and Maeve Cahill made quick defensive moves to constantly tie up the Mercury guards. Michelle Hinkle led the team in steals, while Kristen Curley and Jaclyn Dillon protected the key against strong Mercury centers. Samira Cook, Jaime Burns and Lily Gigante all played smart defense to shut down the Mercury forwards, forcing the opponents to take outside shots. Lily Gigante, Maeve Cahill and Jaclyn Dillon all scored twopoints in the second half, but it was not enough for the Rockers to win a well-played game.

Monarchs 16, Liberty 3
The Monarchs were led by Erin McIntyre who achieved the rare double digit scoring game with ten points. Klara Holden added four points to the cause. Cassidy Macdonald played a great all around game with two points and smart plays. Riley Veits had several key steals using her length to her advantage. Maisan Nguyen was her usual terror on defense.

Juliana Ricci played strong defense and had a nice rebound. Rebecca Langone and Jamie Munroe combined in the second and third quarter to limit the Liberty's opportunities and were instrumental in only allowing three points for the game.

Intermediate League
Jayhawks 28, Eagles 8

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given on the application of Colonial Systems, Inc. of 326 Ballardvale Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 to be a Public Warehouse within and for the County of Middlesex, Town of Wilmington, MA.
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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON

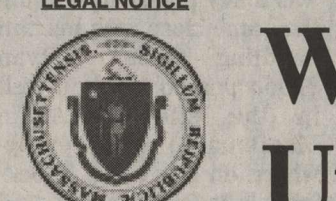
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on January 7, 2014 at 8:15 p.m. in Room 9 of the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for Site Plan Review #13-7, plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Wilmington, Mass.," dated August 12, 1997 and last revised November 14, 1997, prepared by Registered Architect: Michael H. Pascavage, Cumming Properties, 200 West Cummings Park Woburn, MA 01801; submitted December 10, 2013 by Brown & Brown, P.C., Counsellors-at-Law, 110 Great Road, Bedford, MA 01730 for Salter Motorsports, LLC, 52 Little Point Rd., Swamscott, MA 01907. Said property is located at 260F Fordham Road, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 99 Parcel 131. The purpose of the project is to renovate the interior for the purposes of auto repair and restoration.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.
Michael Sorrentino,
Chair
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

LAND COURT

DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT

ORDER OF NOTICE

CASE NO.
13 MISC 480699

To:
David J. Hanson and Debra A. Hanson and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. § 501 (et seq.).
Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Wilmington, numbered 9 Alice Avenue, given by David J. Hanson and Debra A. Hanson, to First Eastern Mortgage Corporation dated October 31, 1994, and recorded in Middlesex North Registry of Deeds in Book 7284, Page 170, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemember status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before January 13, 2014, or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness,
Karyn F. Scheier, Chief Justice of said Court on November 26, 2013.
A True Copy Attest:
Deborah J. Patterson
Recorder
05562033 12/18/13

Winter Baseball Umpire Training Class Announced

The Merrimack Valley Umpires Association (MVUA) announced that the umpire training classes for men and women, as well as teenagers over 16, will begin on Thursday, January 9, 2014 6pm at St. Michael's School, 80 Maple Ave, No. Andover, Ma.

Anyone who wants to be trained as a baseball umpire in MLB (Major League Baseball) rules should attend these classes. They will be held on Thursdays, continue on consecutive Thursday's for the next seven weeks.

The Mass Baseball Umpires Association (MBUA) umpire's (MLB) exam will be administered at the end of the class. Candidates passing the exam will then attend clinics on mechanics and positioning.

"I am amazed that even though the MVUA has grown to over 200 members, we still have many games we are asked to cover," said Steve Martinelli of Lawrence, Mass, President of the umpires association. We are constantly being asked to provide umpires for leagues and we are not sure we have enough umpires to cover all of those games. We need more men, women, and teens to umpire games. "Our 16 year old members can earn \$50 for a two-hour Little League game which is a lot more than working for \$7 per hour and flipping burgers," said Ralph Wade, Vice President. "This is a great part-time job for college students."

The cost for the seven-week program is \$150. Anyone interested is urged to contact 2nd Vice President Rande Chabot 603-437-8847 or email at RandeChabot@myfairpointnet for reservations and registration)

Rules Interpreter Ron Annand will be teaching the class as he has done for the past ten years. Anyone interested should go to WWW.MVUA.ORG for more information about MVUA umpires.

The MVUA umpires all levels of baseball from college games, Massachusetts and NH school games, AAU, Babe Ruth to Little Leagues in the Merrimack Valley. The MVUA has been providing quality umpires to this area for over 50 years and is the oldest umpiring organization in Mass.

Umpires have the option to work as many or as few games as they like. They make their own schedules and make some extra money in the process. Some of our umpires do as many as 150 games a season and some do as few as 10 games at an average game fee of \$60 for a typical 2 hour game."

The MVUA supports candidates of all genders, all ethnic groups and teens (men and women over age 16) to become umpires. This year the MVUA has taken steps to ensure that anyone who wants to be an umpire and attends the clinics, but due to language or learning difficulties may have trouble with the written exam, will be assisted as much as possible.



Wilmington Youth Hockey highlights

On December 7 at the Breakaway Ice Center in Tewksbury, the Wilmington Youth Hockey Association PeeWee 3 squad took on Natick.

The Wildcats started the game with goalie Matt DiGennaro in the locker room dealing with an equipment issue. The 'Cats took advantage of the sixth skater out in open ice and Justin Healey scored in the opening minute. Showing team defense, the Wildcats even killed off a penalty before Matt was able to get on the ice. Liam Prigmore, Mark Miraglia, Joseph Hartzell, and Ryan Packer patrolled the blue line for Wilmington.

As things settled down in the first period, the Wildcats built their lead to four, with goals from Joseph Hansen, Ryan Regan, and Jonathan Bazile. Brendan Kelley picked up the assist on Bazile's goal, rotating as fourth forward in a group with Jacob Fox and Aiden Ryan. Natick got on the board in the second period, but Wilmington tacked on a late second period goal, and short-handed goal in the third to secure the 6-1 win.

It was different sort of game on Sunday night, taking on Tri-Valley at the New England Sports Center in Marlborough. After Tri-Valley jumped to a two nothing lead in the first period, Ryan Regan scored for Wilmington in the second, and Joseph Hansen early in the third to tie the game.

The third period played out with no further scoring, but they come from behind tie (showed character for the Wildcats).

The team returned to action on Saturday morning in Beverly, matched up against Medford for the second time this season. Wilmington dominated the first meeting back in October, but the Medford team showed considerable improvement this time around.

Matthew DiGennaro was in

his usual spot in goal. With several regulars out of action, the Wildcats went with a three player rotation of Joseph Hansen, Justin Healey, and Mark Miraglia on defense.

The first period played out with both teams taking chances, but no one could find the back of the net until late in the period when Jonathan Bazile knocked one in for the Wildcats. Ryan Regan extend the lead at the opening of the second period with two goals in quick succession skating on the right side with Ryan Packer at center.

Later in the period, Aiden Ryan, skating at center with Joseph Hartzell and Jacob Fox, took a pass from Hartzell and put Wilmington up 4-0. Medford scratched back for one goal of their own, but the third period was scoreless and the Wildcats took the win.

Squirt 3's

The Wilmington Wildcat Squirt 3's battled Beverly in Saugus this past Saturday afternoon and what a battle it was, as the boys in blue needed to mount a furious comeback in the third to prevail.

Wilmington's lineup looked like William O'Shea, Owen Mitchell and Anthony Savage as first line forwards and Mike Sullivan and Aydan Churchill first line defense.

The second line featured Braydan Sanborn, Thomas Dalton and Aiden Murphy as the forwards, with Brady Robbins and Colin Gates shoring up the defense. Jake Chirichiello was the rotating forward and, as always, protecting the pipes was Justin Finnegan.

The first period was played close to the vest as no team could really take advantage of the other. However, Beverly would score two in the period and had the chance for a third but Justin Finnegan made a kick save



A group of Wilmington Youth Soccer U8 Girls soccer players competed in The Danvers Saluting Soldiers tournament held last month. The girls rocked the tournament and won all three games. The team includes: Front row from left: Jessie Martinson, Emma Flynn, Carly Thayer, Ashley Mercier, Kylie Quinn and Grace Walsh; Back row from left, Emily Doherty, Alison Doherty, Molly Walsh, Coach Mike Mercier, Shaylan Bresnahan and Coach Melissa Doherty. (courtesy photo).

on a breakaway.

Wilmington would narrow the gap with just 20 seconds left as Gates distributed the puck to Mitchell in the corner who then calmly delivered a tape to tape pass to Sanborn out in front to make it 2-1 Beverly after one.

The second period proved to be even tighter as strong defense, highlighted by the tandem of Sullivan and Churchill, as well as the stout two-way play of O'Shea, and missed opportunities were the rule. Beverly was able to pot another one home to

make it 3-1 going into the third.

The third period proved to be one of the more exciting periods this year as the never-say-die Wildcats proved that no lead is safe against them. Dalton got it started with a breakaway at 3:29 with assists going to Sanborn and Chirichiello.

Just 18 seconds later Wilmington tied the game as Mitchell again showed patience as he took the feed from Chirichiello, after a pass from Savage, and flipped the puck over a hoard

of defenders and the shoulder of the goaltender to make it 3-3.

Sanborn would make it 4-3 by pushing home the puck in a scrum in front of the net at 4 minutes in. Beverly would answer this onslaught with a goal of their own two minutes later and knotted the game at four apiece.

As the clock wore down tensions were high, but with the crowd behind them the Wildcats put the lock on the game by scoring two goals in just over a minute. Robbins got the Wildcats the lead on a

seeing eye goal (assist to Murphy) and then Sanborn got the insurance by going five-hole for the hat trick and the 6-4 lead (assists to Dalton and Murphy).

Beverly hung tight and pressed the issue in the final minutes as a power play and a pulled goalie gave them a two-main advantage; but the strong net minding of Finnegan and team effort put the shackles on their opponents and gave Wilmington their 11th consecutive regular season win.

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Ford Credit.....-1250
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Wildcat Pop Warner team competes for Nationals in the Sunshine State

The Wildcat Mitey Mite Pop Warner Football team just came back from the experience of a lifetime, the first ever team from Wilmington to attend Pop Warner Football Nationals and all at the age of 7 to 9 years old.

Football Nationals takes place every year at Disney's ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando, Florida.

The young Wilmington team took part in the Mitey Mite Bowl, where they played two games against the Leeward Steelers from Hawaii and the Ormond Beach Sandcrabs from Florida.

The Wildcat team had a regular season record of 7-1 and played two very physical games down in Orlando.

To prepare for their debut at Football Nationals, the team had to extend its regular season practice schedule. Regular season for the Wildcat E team is through the end of October.

The team continued to practice throughout November, some nights when it didn't even reach 30 degrees outside. The dedication the players showed was astounding.

The team was led by second year, returning players, Joey Kullman, Derek Maguire, Joe McCauley, and Jacob Roque. Out of the 21 players on the Wildcat team, four were second year players and the remaining 17 were primarily 7-and-8-year-olds, second graders.

It was quite a different experience from what the kids were used to playing in Eastern Mass. The teams in which they faced were all primarily 10-years old and have been playing tackle football for five years.

The Wilmington Mitey Mites took the significant size difference from their opposition as a challenge and forced them to be play aggressive and physically

demanding games.

The Mitey Mite Bowl was not just a series of football games but a chance for these kids to experience football in a way they have never before. The team was treated as if they were professional athletes, they were coach bused to and from the field as a team, had official weigh ins, and they were allowed access to the first rate facilities for a practice session.

The team also attended the Mitey Mite Tailgate party and not only made life long bonds with their teammates but had the chance to make friends with other Mitey Mite players from all over the country.

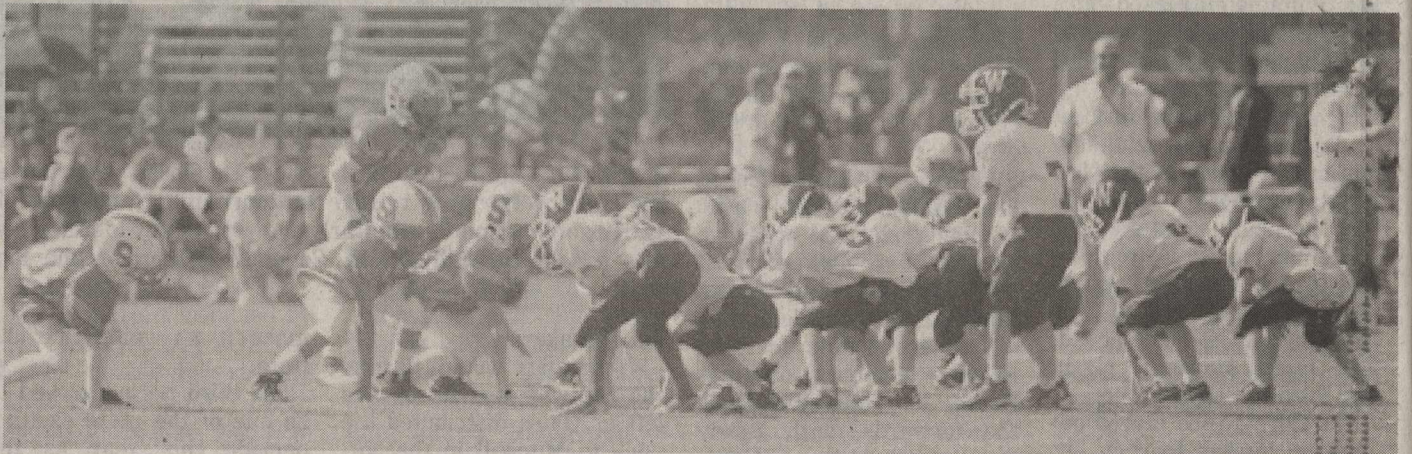
The experience of attending the Mitey Mite bowl is something these 21 players and their families will never forget. Now that they have a taste for what Pop Warner Nationals is all about, the goal for this young team is to once again make it down to Pop Warner Football Nationals and play for a Pop Warner Superbowl Championship.

The team would like to thank the town for all their support while fundraising. The members of the 2013 Wilmington Wildcat Mitey Mite Football Nationals team are: Geoffrey Cavanaugh, AJ Chisholm, Ryan Copson, Owen Cushing, Justin Delorey, Bobby Dodge, Ally Dumoulin, Nathan Ford, Joey Kullman, Michael Lawler, Derek Maguire, Joe Malvone and Joe McCauley.

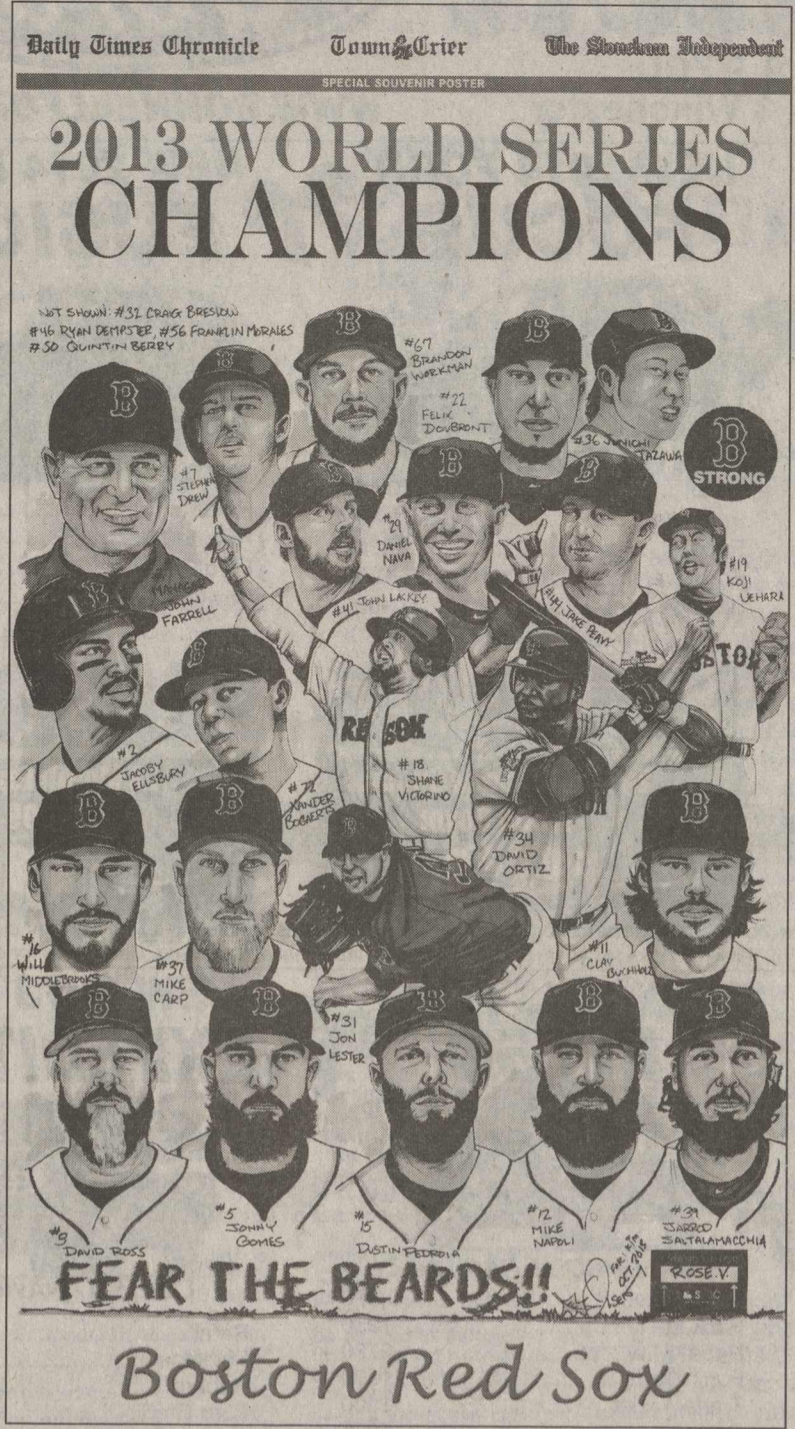
Also, Dennis McConologue, Jack McLaughlin, Jake McLean, Charlie Rooney, Jacob Roque, Ashton Stalker, Aidan Thibert and Kellen Warren. Head Coach Joe McCauley, and coaches Brian Maguire, Shawn Roque, Eric Cushing, Shawn Warren, Pete McLean, and Bill Dumoulin.



Above, the Wilmington Mitey Mite Pop Warner Football team enjoyed their stay in Florida while competing for the Nationals and below, quarterback Joe McCauley gets set to run an offensive play during the team's game held at the Wide World of Sports Complex. (courtesy photos)



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Safety tips provided by Sheriff Koutoujian

By Peter J. Koutoujian

The most wonderful season of the year is upon us; a time of joyous celebration with family, friends and loved ones. We want this season to remain a happy, healthy time for all of us and, here in Middlesex County, we're working to ensure that we do all we can to get important safety information out to our community.

The Middlesex Sheriff's Office has identified two areas of safety we want you to be especially aware of this time of year in order to keep your family safe: holiday shopping and home safety.

Holiday shopping safety is paramount this time of year as, despite the good will and giving of the season, there remains the sad reality that there are those who don't share those good intentions. A few basic tips to keep in mind when out holiday shopping:

If visiting multiple stores, store your bags in the trunk of your car. If you must store them in the passenger compartment, make every effort to keep them out of sight.

Be aware of loiterers near your vehicle. If you have any concerns, return to the store and ask to be escorted. Park your vehicle in a well-lit area that is populated by fellow shoppers.

Consider using a credit card and not a debit card when shopping online. Federal law limits your liability to \$50 if your credit card is used fraudulently. Also, only carry the amount of cash you expect to use when shopping in stores as thieves are on the look-out for people holding large amounts of money.

Consumers are typically in a generous mood and often distracted during the holi-

days. Be leery of strangers approaching you asking for something that may ordinarily raise suspicions. A favorite holiday scam involves someone approaching you in a parking lot with a gas can looking to "borrow" some money for gas. Mall or department store security is better equipped to handle stranded motorists.

In addition to keeping safety in mind while out tackling those holiday shopping lists, it's just as important to remember to put safety first at home. When it comes to holiday lights and trees, fire safety should always be a priority. Some things to keep in mind:

Keep trees away from heat sources and be sure to water your tree daily.

Never leave a lit tree unattended and use only fire retardant decorations.

Use a "non-tip" style tree stand.

Dispose of your tree properly, soon after the holidays, before the needles dry out.

Never hang lights on a metallic tree.

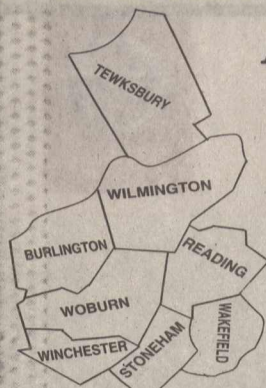
Check all lighting for frayed wires, broken plugs, and sockets and never overload outlets. Use no more than three strands of lights on a single extension cord.

Never use candles on trees, near live or other flammable decorations, and be sure to never leave candles burning unattended.

Consider buying new energy efficient LED lights that don't get as hot and always use appropriate weather-proof lights outdoors.

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Peter J. Koutoujian is Sheriff of Middlesex County.



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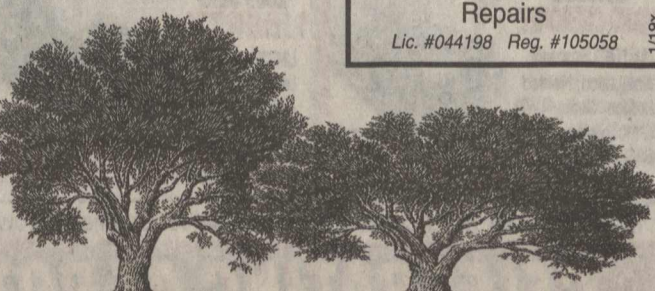
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Girls Hoop Preview

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with his full-time job and Brie Karow, who was already onboard as the Girls outdoor Track Coach, has taken over after spending the last five years as an assistant coach between the Lynnfield and Winchester High School teams.

She takes over a team that returns three starters and four other players with varsity experience. Karow coached the team to a win in the opener on Friday against Reading, and she realizes that this year's team is filled with talent, experience and most of all should excel with speed and team defense.

"I'm inheriting a fantastic team with some great athletes," she said before the team's opening 51-23 win over Reading that saw Rachael Mara score a career high 16 points. "This team has speed, they know each other, they play with each other very well and they work very hard. They don't take plays off. They also go to the basket. Speed is the key though, especially on defense. That's what we'll hang our hats on."

Karow said that the team will play mostly man-to-man but won't be afraid to mix in zone defenses from time to time depending on the team and necessary adjustments the team may have to make in games.

The team's three captains are all outstanding defenders between senior twin sisters Carli and Christa Brent as well as Mara. Add to that Kate Cowden and Katherine McKenna, two girls who can clog up the middle and then a tough rebounder named Kim Donoghue, and a scrappy guard named Kristen Connors and Karow is hoping the winning ways continue.

"We want to play a fast tempo, transition game," she said. "It's always a plus if you can be successful in transition. But basically we're looking for good basketball IQ. I don't want us to rely on set plays and go from Point A to Point B."

"I want us to make cuts, to find the open player and just continue to play well together because that's the reason why this program has been so successful over the years."

Besides those seven players who bring back varsity experience, the rest of the team includes juniors Abby Chase, Amber Peach and Jess Hogan, sophomores Kaila Bavin and Erica Pudvelis and freshman Olivia O'Regan.

Karow believes the team has enough depth to remain competitive in the Middlesex League Small School Conference.

"The league is always competitive," she said. "I saw that when I was at Winchester. Every game is going to be a battle and you can go underestimating anyone. I think in the small school it's hard to tell who will be the better teams because Stoneham and Melrose are just so scrappy and play such fast pace basketball."

"Watertown has a real good guard coming back and Wakefield has some quick younger kids. We definitely have our work cut out for us."

Wilmington will face ML Small School teams Stoneham, Melrose, Burlington, Wakefield and Watertown twice each and then large school teams Reading, Woburn, Arlington, Belmont, Winchester and Lexington one time each.

In addition the 'Cats will play in a Revere Christmas Tournament and will open against a very good Bedford team on December 27th (with finals or consolation to be played on the 29th) and will also have non-league games with Swampscott and Tewksbury.

Karow confirmed that long-time assistants Audrey Cabral-Pini (JV) and Dave Sundberg (Freshmen) will be back as assistant coaches.

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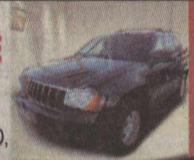
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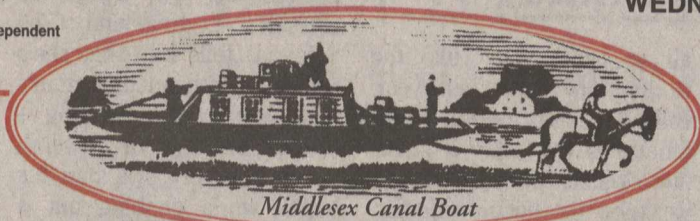
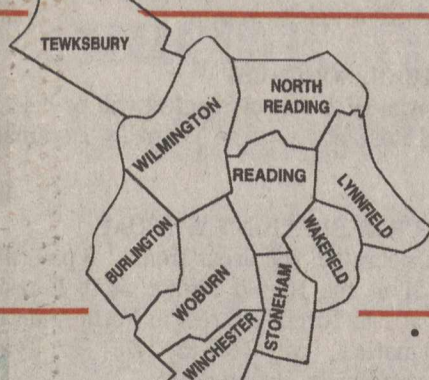
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BY RYAN LAROCHE

Wilmington resident and contributor to the Town Crier, photographer Bruce Hilliard is currently showing off some of his best work at the North Reading Public Library from now through January. Twenty seven pieces are available for your viewing pleasure scattered throughout the grounds (though many can be seen lined up on a wall toward the back of the building).

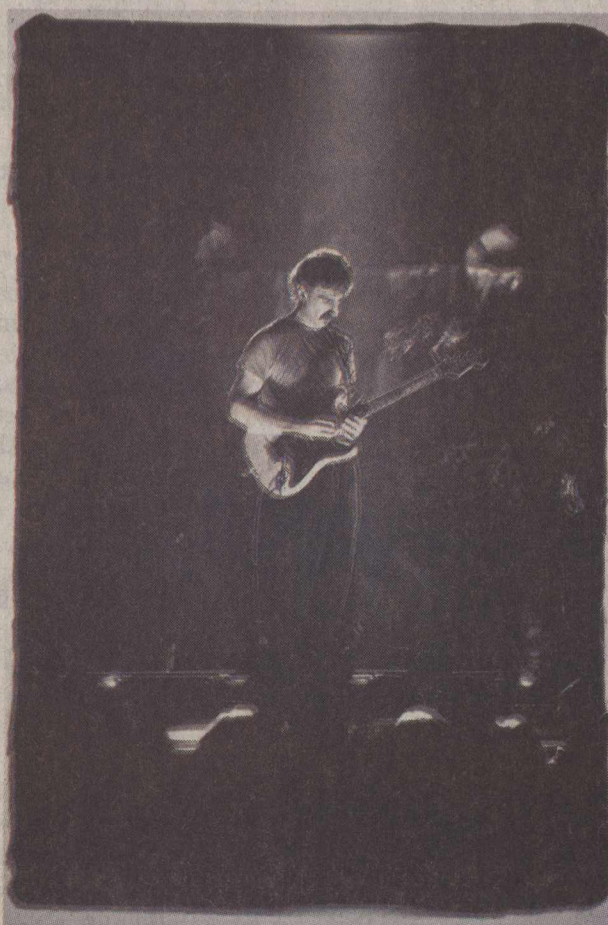
All of the photographs were shot on film and printed in the traditional black and white and color darkrooms. Most of the photos date back to the 1980s, though the earliest on display was taken in 1975. His last photo was taken in 2006. The photos represent 30 years of history as seen through Hilliard's camera lens.

Many photos show people in various states of emotion: happy, sad, angry, despondent. In several photos, the subjects were shot from a distance so as not to disturb the event taking place. One photo in particular shows Franciscan Monks enjoying breakfast. Hilliard took the shot from behind a slightly open door so as not to interfere with their daily activity.

He said he spent a week with them observing how they go through the day. Franciscans adhere to the teachings and spiritual disciplines of Saint Francis of Assisi. They formed in the early 1200s in Italy. They are a Catholic religious order.

That shot was taken in Elmira, NY in 1993.

Another shot taken from a distance shows someone reaching out to touch the Vietnam War Memorial. With the reflection from the stone, the shot appears to show hands touching hands.



FRANK ZAPPA AND THE MOTHERS OF INVENTION was taken by Wilmington's Bruce Hilliard at the Orpheum Theater in 1988. This shot can be seen in the record "Trance-Fusion."

Hilliard said he just happened to be wandering around DC when he came upon the picture.

That shot was taken around 1986.

For Hilliard, photography has taken up most of his life. He remembers the first serious thing he ever photographed: a dandelion in his backyard surrounded by green grass. That photo, however, is not featured at the North Reading Public Library. One that appears somewhat similar is: a shot from 1975 taken at

Independence Pass in Colorado.

In that photo, Hilliard caught the green grass, the flowers, but he also captured an incoming storm from the distance (not to mention a rainbow that appeared to end 50 feet from where he shot - sadly, he was unable to capture the pot of gold on film).

For that particular shot, Hilliard drove across the country with his friend Bob. He said he found that cabin 4,000 feet up. Inside the cabin were several feminine accou-

Hilliard to S-7

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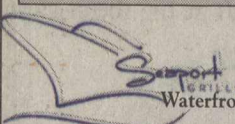
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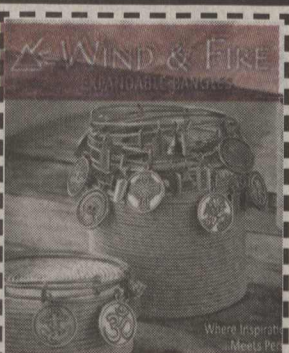
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Movie Reviews

"The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug"

by Paul Feely



"THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF SMAUG" is off and running straight from the start, resulting in a tight, lean journey back to Middle-earth. It is yet another triumph in the series.

"THE HOBBIT: THE DESOLATION OF SMAUG"
GRADE: ****

With all the introductions and backstory out of the way in the first installment of this trilogy, "The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug" is off and running straight from the start, resulting in a tight, lean journey back to Middle-earth. At 161 minutes, it's practically a short film by director Peter Jackson's standards.

Though always engaging and entertaining, last year's "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," with its prologue featuring the elderly hobbit Bilbo Baggins (Ian Holm) and his nephew Frodo (Elijah Wood), dwarf history lesson and extended dwarf dinner party, took a long time to rev up. With the engine already humming along, "The Desolation of Smaug" steps on the gas and rarely lets up.

Following a flashback to the wizard Gandalf the Grey (Ian McKellen) giving the exiled, would-be dwarf king Thorin Oakenshield (Richard Armitage) the push he needs to undertake the quest to reclaim his homeland and birthright from the dragon Smaug, the story plunges right back into the action. A band of bloodthirsty orcs, led by the menacing Azog the Defiler (Manu Bennett), are hot on the trail of Gandalf, Bilbo (Martin Freeman), Thorin and his company of dwarves, who first find refuge with the imposing skinchanger Beorn (Mikael Persbrandt), then brave the forbidding forest of Mirkwood, home to a horde of giant spi-

ders scary enough to make Shelob of "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" seem almost cuddly, as well as the kingdom of the wood elves, a harsher, haughtier brand of elf than we've met previously.

In this, the second in a trilogy of films based on J.R.R. Tolkien's beloved "Lord of the Rings" prelude, the tone is darker, the threats more immediate, the stakes higher, the action more intense. In short, it feels much more akin to Jackson's "Rings" films than part one ever did. The film even welcomes back a fan favorite, the elf Legolas (Orlando Bloom), as deadily with a bow as ever but far more petulant than we've known him to be. That might have something to do with the elf maiden who's caught his eye, Tauriel (Evangeline Lilly of "Lost" fame), who a.) is of a station much too low for Legolas, son of the king, to make googly eyes at; b.) reserves her own googly eyes for the young dwarf Kili (Aidan Turner); and c.) is a character entirely created by Jackson and his fellow screenwriters, Fran Walsh, Philipp Boyens and Guillermo del Toro.

After an exhilarating sequence involving the dwarves, orcs, barrels and a raging river, it's on to the impoverished Lake-town, with a little help from Bard the Bowman (Luke Evans), and then to the Lonely Mountain, where Smaug (voice of Benedict Cumberbatch) rests with large amounts of treasure. The dragon is another superb CGI creation, majestic, awe-inspiring and terrible

all at once. Much like the Gollum encounter last year, Bilbo's confrontation with Smaug is the movie's showpiece scene, and even though we know the hobbit will survive, it's nerve-racking all the same.

Limiting McKellen's impact somewhat, Gandalf spends most of the movie operating solo or with the scatterbrained wizard Radagast the Brown (Sylvester McCoy), investigating the dark tidings of the mysterious Necromancer (also voiced by Cumberbatch). The addition of Legolas and Tauriel, along with Kili's increased role, eats into Bilbo's screen time, leaving him with little to do until his skills as a "burglar" are called upon. Thorin remains at the forefront, however, leading his people on their noble quest with all the honor and dignity he can muster.

"The Desolation of Smaug" is yet another triumph. And its cliffhanger promises an action-packed finale.

"OUT OF THE FURNACE"
GRADE: **

Filmmaker Scott Cooper burst out of the scene in 2009 with his writing/directing feature debut, "Crazy Heart," the tale of an aging country singer that won an Oscar for Jeff Bridges. Four years later, he's back behind the lens with "Out of the Furnace," a small-town drama about a pair of working-class brothers. Like "Crazy Heart," it's beautifully and honestly acted; unlike "Crazy Heart," it's a little predictable. You know where it's going, but the actors make the trip worth taking.

Christian Bale plays Russell, a lifelong resident of a depressed Pennsylvania Rust Belt town. Quiet and inarticulate, he works hard at the steel mill, is an attentive son to his ailing father, and logs extra hours to help pay debts incurred by his younger brother Rodney (Casey Affleck), an Iraq vet caught in a cycle of illegal boxing and gambling. Frustrated by Russell's attempts to get him to be more responsible, Rodney becomes entangled with the frighteningly deranged Harlan (Woody Harrelson), and it's clear none of this will end well.

Harrelson, who plays villains with ease, and Affleck do fine work, but it's nice to see Bale, now free of Batman's cape, reminding us how good he can be. One scene, as Russell's ex-girlfriend (Zoë Saldana) tells him that she's pregnant with another man's child, is quietly devastating — Russell, still carrying a torch for her, visibly swallows his hopes while choking out a heartbroken but sincere "I'm so happy for you." Russell doesn't talk about how he feels about things, he just deals with them, and we know without his ever telling us that he loves his brother more than anything in the world.

Cooper goes astray with one shockingly dumb plot contrivance — a crucial phone call that is accidentally/conveniently recorded to provide a trail of evidence — but his command of the mounting tension in "Out of the Furnace" is impressive.

There are big stars in "Out of the Furnace," which boasts six actors with Oscar nominations, but there's no showboating here. Everyone fits snugly into Cooper's gritty, authentic drama, which opens with a scene of beauty, but proceeds to get uglier and uglier.

Candlelight Christmas at OSV

Like a vintage holiday painting come to life, each December living history museum Old Sturbridge Village transforms itself into an enchanted 19th-century village for its memorable Christmas by Candlelight celebrations, complete with horse-drawn sleigh rides, carolers in costume, Christmas trees, yule logs, gingerbread houses, mistletoe, and sugar plums.

As visitors stroll through the candlelit Village, they can meet Father Christmas and Santa Claus, join in a Christmas Carol sing-a-long, hear holiday music and much more.

Live performances include Victorian carolers, Punch and Judy shows, five different holiday-themed readings, nativity stories and a Holiday Magic show.

In order to focus on the evening holiday events, OSV will be closed during the day from December 2 - 25. The Village will be open for Christmas by Candlelight on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings from 4 - 9 p.m. Dec. 6-8, 13-15 and 20-22.

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Calendar of Events

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READING HIGH SCHOOL SONGFEST

The Reading Memorial High School Songfest will be held at the school on Oakland Road at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 19. Free.

WINTER SOLSTICE CEMEBRATION SATURDAY

A Winter Solstice Celebration will occur from 3 - 5 p.m. this Saturday, December 21 at the Harold Parker State Forest's Interpretive Program at 1951 Turnpike Street in North Andover. For more information call 617-828-1728 or visit www.mas.gov/dcr. Dress warmly. Hiking gear

WINTER FARMERS MARKET DECEMBER 29

The fourth Winter Woburn Farmers Market will be held at Spence Farm, 41 Wyman Street in Central Square from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 29.

This Winter Market will be held every other Sunday through May. For more information call Paul Medeiros at 781-938-0297.

CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE AT SANBORN

The Winchester Historical Society invites the public to New Year's Eve at the Sanborn House, with cocktails, dancing, light refreshments and desserts from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

The Mark Pucci quartet will perform Jazz sounds. Black Tie optional.

For more information call 781-721-0135 or email manager@winchesterhistoricalsociety.org. Reservation deadline is December 19.

"JAZZING UP JANUARY" WITH 3 CONCERTS

Stoneham Theatre is "jazzing up January" with three concerts: The Jay Geils Jazz and Blues Revue, Florence LaRue and the 5th Dimension, and Loretta LaRoche's new show, Life Is Not A Stress Rehearsal.

This exciting line-up has something for everyone and gives audiences a chance to experience well-known acts up close and personal in the theatre's intimate setting.

For run dates and tickets call the Stoneham Theatre Box Office at 781-279-2200 or order online at www.stonehamtheatre.org.

WINTER UMPIRE TRAINING CLASS

The Merrimack Valley Umpires Association announces that the umpire training classes for men and women, as well as teenagers over 16, will begin on Thursday, January 9 at 6 p.m. at St. Michael's School, 80 Maple Avenue in North Andover.

Anyone who wants to be trained as a baseball umpire in Major League Baseball rules should attend these classes.

They will be held on Thursdays for the next 7 weeks. The Mass. Baseball Umpires Association umpire's exam will be administered at the end of the class.

Anyone interested should contact Vice President Rande Chabot at 603-437-8847 or email RandeChabot@myfairpoint.net. The cost for the 7 week program is \$150.

BRAIN INJURY FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP MEETS

The Woburn Brain Injury Family Support and Education Group will meet from 6 - 7:30 p.m. on Monday evening, January 6 at the New England Rehabilitation Hospital, 2 Rehabilitation Way in Woburn.

This free monthly support group for adult family members and friends of people with brain injuries provides an opportunity to share concerns, coping strategies, and ideas with each other; to learn more about brain injury; and to meet others who are dealing with this condition.

For more information call 508-628-6680.

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Meeting topics range from guest speakers, yarn shop owners, designers to dying of yarn.

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Saint John's Prep Academic Honors

St. John's Prep recently announced the names of students who earned academic honors for the first quarter of the 2013-2014 school year.

Students who qualified for the Headmaster's List earned grades of A- or above in all courses; students who qualified for the Principal's List earned grades of B+ or above in all courses; and students who qualified for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

The following students were named to the Headmaster's List for the 1st Quarter 2013-2014.

[Students are listed alphabetically by town, graduation year denoted for each student]

LYNNFIELD

Kyle Clifford '15, Joseph Distefano '17, Andrew Hall '14, Vincent LaRovere '14, John Montesanto '15, Collin Murray '15, Gabriel Pesaturo '16, Christopher Puglisi '16

NORTH READING

Nicholas Carbone '16

READING

David Cunningham '17, Harrison Kurker '15, Thomas Vaccaro '15

TEWKSBURY

Anders Eldrachter '14

WILMINGTON

Chris DiOrio '15, Daniel Roderman '17, David Silveira '17, David Souza '14

WINCHESTER

Nicholas Cantalupa '17

The following students were named to the Principal's List for the 1st Quarter 2013-2014.

LYNNFIELD

Anthony Coletta '16, Max Conway '16, John DiBello '16, Tyler Judd '15, Michael Vinci '17

NORTH READING

Brian Conry '14, Douglas Keyes '17, Aidan Reilly '15, Owen Reilly '14

READING

Joseph Caruso '14, Daniel Cunningham '14, Nicholas DiCara '15, Connor Driscoll '16, Christopher Fitzpatrick '16, Albert Garbarino '16, Alexander Gousie '17, Conor Sweeney '14

STONEHAM

Brendan Viselli '14

WINCHESTER

The following students were named to the Honor Roll for the 1st Quarter 2013-2014.

LYNNFIELD

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NORTH READING

Samuel Gomez '14, Daniel Guthrie '14, William Hornby '17, Ryan LaRosa '16, David Luongo '17, Joseph Luongo '15, Sean Murray '15, Michael Peach '14, Samuel Sutura '14, Nicholas White '15

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ANY TIME NOW: 2015

"Tewksbury officials and staff have begun the move to the Hardy-Pike House, which will serve as the temporary Town Hall," notes the Tewksbury "Town Crier."

"Town Manager Richard Montuori said that departments are 'ninety percent' moved into the new building..."

"...The Department of Public Works shuttled everything over to the Pike House at 464 Main Street..."

READING

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CALENDAR from S-2

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About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

'HARDY' SOULS, AS GOOD AS IT SEEMS, FELS 'ARISEN

"The move is part of the upcoming Town Hall renovations, which will be done by Kang Architects, a firm based in Sudbury.

"As previously reported in the Crier, the renovations will add conference rooms to all floors. The town clerk's office will move to the opposite side of the main floor, and the town manager's office will see major renovations on the third floor. Community Development and the Department of Public Works will be located on the ground floor. The main entrance will be preserved, in addition to two-thirds of the meeting hall.

"The project should be completed by the spring of 2015..."

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"The School Committee ... authorized local administrators to join seven other communities that comprise the SEEM Collaborative in applying for a state grant that would be slated for regular education purposes," notes the Woburn edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"As Schools' Superintendent Mark Donovan pointed out, the venture appears somewhat unusual, because SEEM is primarily used by membership communities as a way to pool resources to address special education concerns.

"Whenever we hear the SEEM Collaborative, we think of special education services, but the true purpose of a collaborative is to work together towards common [goals]," said Donovan.

"Founded in 1968, the collaborative is run by a board of directors whose membership is comprised of area superintendents for the 10 member communities. For the newest proposed grant initiative, representatives from Lynnfield, Winchester, and Saugus have elected not to participate.

"Those collaborating on the grant proposal hope to tackle two initiatives, leadership training and data assessment capabilities, by utilizing the funding.

"According to Assistant Superintendent Dr. Gary Reese, those two areas will help Woburn and other communities meet state mandates, which surge every year

without accompanying funding to cover the cost of implementing those demands...."

OPEN FOR BUSINESS (WINCHESTER)

"Opening up the roads around the North Reservoir in the Middlesex Fells Reservation has been good for business," notes the Winchester edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"So good, in fact, that the Board of Selectmen authorized the roads to remain open, subject to a review on the anniversary date of them first being opened, until next June.

"Last year, a group of residents convinced the Board of Selectmen to open up trails along the North Reservoir on a trial basis. In June of this year, the plan went into action with DPW modifying signs and opening the roads..."

John Shawcross, P.E conducted a survey. "After completing the survey," notes the DTC, "Shawcross came to a few conclusions: residents are fortunate to have 'this beautiful area so close'; people clearly enjoy access to the reservoir roads - they said they appreciate being able to do so legally; there has been significant improvement in the behavior of visitors since 2012..."

"About the Towns" covers recent events in the 10-town Middlesex East area. Because Middlesex East deadlines are early, please check the front sections of this paper or look on line for up-to-date information about your city or town.

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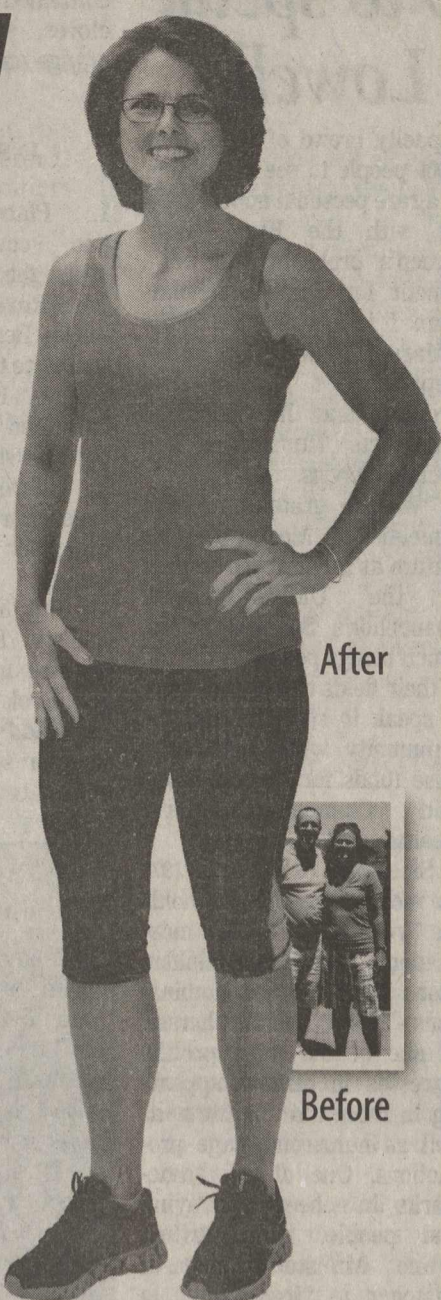
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Who was the first Boston Celtic to reach the plateau of 1,000 or more points scored in a season? Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

•SALEM STATE BASEBALL PLAYER STEVE BUITKUS (READING, MASS.)

ended his playing career for the Vikings this past spring, but the senior earned one final award to culminate his accomplishments, as he earned the 2013 McNally-Allard-McDonough Sportsmanship Award, which is presented annually by the Collegiate Baseball Umpires Association of New England.

The McNally-Allard-McDonough Sportsmanship Award, which is named after two distinguished former umpires, Whitey Allard and Marty McDonough, is given to the player or coach who most exemplifies the ideals of sportsmanship while demonstrating respect for umpires, opponents, and the game of baseball. Dozens of players, ranging from Division I, II and III were nominated for the award.

Head coach Mike Ward proudly presented his captain with the award at the College Baseball Umpires

Association of New England Banquet this past weekend.

"I think that this is nice recognition and a special award for Steve, and is a great way to wrap up his collegiate playing career," Ward Said. "Steve was a real leader and captain of our team, and he put forth maximum effort both in games and practices. Not only did he have talent and was able to win the league MVP, he played the game the right way. I am glad that the umpires association recognized Steve for his attitude and efforts. I am also glad that Steve is now a member of our baseball coaching staff."

The reigning Massachusetts State Collegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year led Salem State to its first MASCAC regular season championship since 2006, including an NCAA Tournament appearance, after helping the Vikings achieve a 22-13 regular season record.

•Need some help with the trivia question? His initials are E.M.

•It has been a whirlwind few weeks for **NORTH READING'S RYAN FITZGERALD**. One day after learning

that he was the Hockey East Rookie of the Month was one of 26 skaters to be selected for the 2014 U.S. National Junior Team preliminary roster. The announcement was made by USA Hockey December 4.

Fitzgerald, a North Reading native, now plays for Boston College.

Fitzgerald has been on a tear for the Eagles as of late. In the month of November, Fitzgerald - who was selected in the fourth round (120th overall) of the 2013 NHL Entry Draft overall - accrued six goals and five assists, averaging 1.22 points per game. He is currently tied for seventh amongst all rookies, nationally, in points per game.

The Boston Bruins prospect has notched seven goals and as many assists in 14 contests (1.00 ppg). He is ranked second amongst all freshmen in Hockey East scoring.

Fitzgerald will be joined by three of his Eagles teammates when he suits up for Team USA. All 26 players selected to the preliminary roster were scheduled to participate in training camp this week at the University of Minnesota's Mariucci Arena.

Once the final 23-man roster is announced on December 23, the U.S. National Junior Team will participate in the International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship (December 26, 2013 - January 5, 2014) in Malmo, Sweden. Prior to the start of the IIHF World Junior Championship, the U.S. will play three exhibi-

tion contests starting with Minnesota State on December 17 and then travel to Angelholm, Sweden, for tilts against Finland on December 20 and Sweden on December 22.

Fitzgerald is no stranger to playing for the red, white and blue. One year ago, he not only took part in but earned most valuable player honors at the first-ever CCM/USA Hockey All-American Prospects Game. Prior to that experience, Fitzgerald participated in the World Junior A Challenge for the USA U-19 team and played five games for the U.S. Nation Under-18 Team for the United States Development Program in 2012-13.

Fitzgerald played high school hockey for former Merrimack coach Chris Serino at Malden Catholic where the Lancers won two state championships. He went on to play for Andy Heinze and the Valley Jr Warriors Junior A team. During his impressive season with the Warriors, Fitzgerald registered 14 goals and 16 assists in 26 regular season games and earned EJHL Rookie of the Year honors.

•ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: 'Easy' Ed McCauley scored 1,384 points in the 1950-51 season. Later that same year Bob Cousy scored 1,078.

•DO YOU KNOW SOMETHING WE DON'T? If you have information about a local athlete that you would like to see appear in this column, please email it to readingchronicle@comcast.net, or mail it to: Paul Feely, Middlesex East Sports, P.O. Box 240, Reading, Ma., 01867, or call Paul at 781-944-2200.

Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell

Meryl Streep to speak at UMass Lowell

Meryl Streep, considered by many to be the greatest actress of this generation, will speak at UMass Lowell in the latest installment of the Chancellor's Speaker Series.

Streep, an Academy Award winner whose acting career has spanned five decades and more than 100 roles, will take the stage at the Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014. Details on the program and tickets, which will be available to the public as well as the university community, will be announced at a later date. Check www.uml.edu/streep for updates.

The UMass Lowell Chancellor's Speaker Series was launched last December with "A Conversation with Stephen King," which drew a

capacity crowd of more than 3,000 people to see the author in a rare personal appearance. As with the King event, Streep's program will be a benefit for student scholarships. It is co-sponsored by the UMass Lowell English Department's Theatre Arts Program and the College of Fine Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

"We are grateful to have someone of Meryl Streep's stature as the next participant in the UMass Lowell Chancellor's Speaker Series, which brings people at the top of their fields to the university to speak to students and the community while helping to raise funds for scholarships," said Chancellor Marty Meehan.

Since her debut in a 1977 TV movie, Streep - who holds the record for the most Academy Award and Golden Globe Award acting nominations - has established herself as one of the most prolific actresses in history, appearing in more than 50 films, as well as numerous stage productions. One of her trademarks has been portraying real people, from British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in "Iron Lady" to French chef Julia Child in "Julie and Julia" to whistleblower Karen Silkwood in "Silkwood." She is also known for her perfectionism in preparing for roles, learning to play the violin and mastering countless dialects and accents.

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Weekly Feature

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Roy Choi Korean Beef Short Ribs



Flavor is key to the culinary world, and creating core flavor is what drives the best chefs in the world. Among them is Roy Choi, the prominent Korean American chef who gained fame with his gourmet Korean taco truck Kogi in Los Angeles. In his new book L.A. Son: My Life, My City, My Food, Chef Roy credits his inspiration to watching chef Emeril Lagasse on his "Essence of Emeril" television show - "I felt like Emeril stepped out of the TV and shook me by the shoulders and said, 'Get off that couch. Taste this, smell this, do something.'"

As he prepares this "mom's best" recipe for stew adapted from his book, Chef Roy demonstrates that creating complex flavor is simple as well as fun - smell all those spices recreate the aromas of a kitchen halfway around the world - the essence of beef combined with ginger, cloves, soy sauce, mirin, orange and apple. Mirin, a light rice wine, is the least familiar Korean ingredient but can be found in the Asian section. Inspiration comes from many places, and as you recreate this wonderful recipe in your kitchen, you may find your key to the heart of flavor.

Meta Description:

Chef Roy Choi demonstrates that creating complex flavor is simple as well as fun as he recreates the aromas of a kitchen halfway around the world - the essence of beef combined with ginger, cloves, soy sauce, mirin, orange and apple.

Ingredients

- 4 pounds beef short ribs
- 1 bunch trimmed and chopped scallion
- 1½ cups soy sauce
- ¼ cup peeled and chopped ginger root
- 1 chopped yellow onion
- ½ cup peeled garlic cloves
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup mirin (rice wine)
- ½ cup orange juice (fresh is best)
- ½ cup apple juice
- ½ pound shitake mushrooms, cut in half (stems removed)
- 1 cup chestnuts (from a jar, peeled)
- 1 cup peeled taro root (cut into 3-inch pieces)
- 1 cup peeled and diced carrots
- 1 cup peeled and cubed butternut squash

INSTRUCTIONS

- Place the ribs in a bowl and cover with water overnight to pull out impurities. Rinse and drain the ribs twice. Remove from bowl and score the top of the meat diagonally. Return to bowl, re-rinse and drain. Remove and pat dry with paper towels.
- Combine the scallions, soy sauce, ginger, onion, garlic, sugar, mirin, orange juice and apple juice in a blender or food processor. Pulse to puree. Add water if necessary to thin the sauce.
- Put the sauce in a pot or Dutch oven. Add three cups water and stir. Place the pot over high heat and bring to a boil. Add the ribs and lower the heat to a simmer. Cover.
- Cook the ribs mixture for at least two hours, or until tender. Add the vegetables, cover and simmer for another half-hour or so, until the meat is tender and the vegetables are cooked to preference.

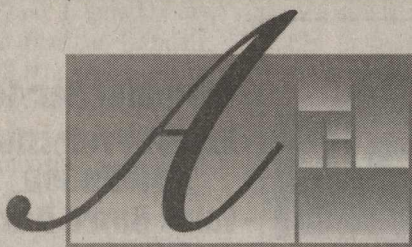


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Tips for yoga beginners

Though it might once have been considered a trend, yoga has long since moved on from trendy territory to become a more widely accepted discipline that is practiced by millions for its positive impact on mental and physical health. Though yoga is an ancient practice, only recently has it become so popular in the western hemisphere, where Sports Marketing Surveys found that roughly 20 million Americans over the age of 18 practiced yoga in 2012. That's a considerable increase from just four years earlier, when just under 16 million Americans admitted to practicing yoga.

The growing popularity of yoga likely comes as no surprise to its many practitioners, who often credit yoga with relieving stress and improving overall fitness. In addition, yoga can also help alleviate chronic pain and, according to the Mayo Clinic, reduce risk factors for chronic conditions such as heart disease and high blood pressure.

While yoga is beneficial in many ways, it's important that men and women not mistake yoga for medical treatment. Though yoga may be part of an individual's treatment plan, it's still necessary that men and women with medical conditions rely on their health care providers for treatment. For example, doctors may recommend yoga to individuals dealing with elevated stress levels, but doctors also may want their patients to take certain medications in order to lower those stress levels. Yoga on its own may be effective, but men and women should still seek professional medical treatment when dealing with health problems.

It's also important that men and women beginning a yoga regimen not take it lightly. Though the atmosphere in a typical yoga studio tends to be serene, yoga is a physically demanding discipline, and those unprepared to deal with such demands often find themselves suffering from injuries. According to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, injuries to the neck, shoulders, spine, legs, and knees are possible when practitioners of yoga do not exercise proper technique and caution. So it pays for beginners to heed the following warnings when beginning a yoga regimen.

- * Work with a professional. No matter how long your neighbor insists he or she has practiced yoga, it's still best that you learn the discipline from a certified instructor. Your neighbor might know all of the poses, but an instructor with credentials can help men and women with preexisting medical conditions avoid poses that can exacerbate such conditions. Novices might not know that certain poses can increase injury risk for sufferers of osteoporosis, spinal problems and high or low blood pressure. When trying yoga for the first time, always work with a professional, making sure to discuss any preexisting medical conditions before your initial session.

- * Take things slowly. Its reputation as a calming discipline often gives beginners the mistaken impression that yoga is an easy discipline to grasp. However, it's best for beginners to take things slowly before attempting to perform difficult stretches and poses. Yoga is not a competition, so give yourself adequate time to learn proper breathing techniques and figure out ways to maintain your balance. Once you have mastered such techniques, you can then begin to try your hand at more advanced poses.

- * Warm up before each session. Men and women should warm up before beginning any exercise regimen, and yoga is no exception. Stiff, cold muscles can lead to serious injury whether you're playing basketball or stretching into a yoga pose. Warm up your muscles with a few minutes of light cardiovascular exercise before beginning a yoga session to reduce your risk of muscle tears or pain when you start stretching or posing.



Get the facts on stomach bugs to feel better fast

Few things can prove more painful or inconvenient than stomach bugs. Digestive tract illnesses can cause persons to spend many hours of the day running to restrooms while confining others to the house for extended periods of time. Though often temporary, stomach bugs can last several days to more than a week and they may lead to more dire situations if not properly treated.

Causes

Stomach bugs are known as gastroenteritis, a condition characterized by an inflamed and irritated stomach and intestines. The Mayo Clinic says people are most likely to contract gastroenteritis after eating contaminated foods or drinking contaminated water. Sharing items, like utensils, with someone who is infected is another way to contract gastroenteritis. Viral gastroenteritis is caused by a virus that enters the body. However, bacteria and parasites also are responsible for stomach bug outbreaks. Viruses that trigger gastroenteritis include adenoviruses, rotaviruses, calciviruses, astroviruses, and noroviruses. Bacteria that can cause gastroenteritis include E. coli, salmonella, campylobacter, and shingella.

Symptoms

Stomach bugs often strike suddenly. Sufferers may experience queasiness or nausea and a loss of appetite. Pain or bloating in the stomach also may occur. Vomiting and diarrhea often cause many people to suspect something is wrong, and some stomach conditions are also accompanied by fever, achiness and lethargy.

Treatment

Many people opt for a wait-and-see approach when struck with stomach bugs. Gastroenteritis often heals on its own. Some refer to it as a "24-hour-bug" and find that once the stomach has been purged clean, the offender no longer wreaks havoc on the body. But stomach bugs can be more persistent as well. Sufferers should visit a doctor if vomiting or diarrhea last more than a few days. Doctors may take a stool sample to determine what's behind the bug. In the event of a bacteri-

al infection, an antibiotic may be needed to clear up the infection. Visiting a doctor when stomach problems persist is also beneficial because he or she may be able to rule out certain conditions, such as colitis, ulcers or Crohn's disease.

Helpful hints

When a stomach bug strikes, it is best to refrain from eating, especially when vomiting regularly. Stick to clear broths and liquids, which are easy on the digestive system, while the stomach is irritated. Once vomiting has subsided, sufferers should opt for a bland diet. When plagued by diarrhea, the BRAT diet is advisable. This acronym stands for Bananas, Rice, Applesauce, and Toast. These foods can help bind a person and are relatively easy to digest.

Because a stomach bug often leads to dehydration, drink plenty of fluids. To restore salt and electrolyte balances, sports drinks are advisable for adults, while a beverage like Pedialyte is best for children and the elderly.

When symptoms begin to subside, sufferers can gradually add foods back into their diets. But men and women should avoid particularly spicy or heavy foods until they are convinced that they have fully recovered.

Many people are tempted to turn to an anti-diarrheal

medication at the first sign of a stomach bug. However, the side effects of gastroenteritis are the body's method of ridding itself from whatever has brought on symptoms. Failure to let nature run its course could result in a rebound of symptoms or a longer-lasting sickness.

To avoid suffering from stomach bugs, men and women should consider the following tips.

- * Frequently wash your hands when preparing food and thoroughly cook foods, particularly meats, poultry and eggs, to reduce potential exposure to bacteria.

- * E. coli may be present on some fresh produce, so wash produce carefully before consumption.

- * Consider taking a probiotic supplement to increase the amount of good bacteria in your digestive tract. Yogurt also contains live cultures that are good at maintaining digestive health.

- * Avoid contact with people who claim to have the stomach flu.

- * Promptly consult a doctor if symptoms do not go away or if you have a high fever or blood in your stool.

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**Independence
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- Shot of incoming storms while hiding out in a cabin 4,000 feet up.



Hilliard From S-1

trements that made it appear as though a woman had lived there.

"This was the view from the front door as a series of storms came through and darkness fell," Hilliard said about the photo.

Born to photograph

Hilliard may not have been born with a camera in his hand, but he said his mother had one in her hand from about the time he was born. In fact, one of his earliest photos was of his mother seated atop a giant goose (not a real goose, of course). It's no surprise, then, that he would spend most of his adult life taking photographs.

A mentor and colleague, architectural photographer Edward Jacoby, said about Hilliard: "(He) has been, in the best sense of the word, witness; witness to the large and the intimate; to beauty and baseness; to the heights and the depths."

While many of Hilliard's photos could be labeled "beauty shots," many more show another side, a darker, sadder side. One shot in particular sees two homeless men standing outside a men's restroom on the Esplanade in Boston. Hilliard said he gave the men \$5 to get something to eat; however, with one of the men photographed smoking a cigarette, one can only wonder how poor these two men really were.

Another photo shows a pro-choice rally also on the Esplanade in Boston where angry protesters shout for freedom - freedom of choice that is. Hilliard took that photo in 1991 for the Boston Phoenix.

Hilliard managed to snap a photograph of the World Trade Center in New York back in 1993 (eight years before it came down). However, for this particular shot, Hilliard had to lie on his back to get a different perspective. It was a grey fall day, he said, which stands in stark contrast to the bright, sunny day on Sept. 11, 2001 when the towers fell.

Even beautiful moments can take an unfortunate turn, such as the day in 1993 when Hilliard attempted to ride in a hot air balloon. Sadly, the chance never materialized and instead of snapping beautiful shots of the countryside, he ended up with a shot of a dejected pilot.

Music makes the people come together

Hilliard's favorite subject to shoot is clearly anything related to music. He's been fortunate enough to photograph such musical titans as Ringo Starr, Pink Floyd, Prince, Ziggy Marley, Tom Petty, Peter Wolf (J. Geils band), Miles Davis, David Bowie, Neil Young, Albert Collins, Johnny Clyde Copeland, Rick James, Motor Head, Mazzy Star, David Grisman, the Pixies, Debbie Harry and Blondie, John Mayall and the Blues Breakers, and Frank Zappa. On display are photos of Zappa, Marley and Mayall.

The Zappa photo in particular is quite interesting. He was playing with the Mothers of Invention at the Orpheum Theatre in Boston in 1988 (one of the last times he played there before his untimely death in 1993). About a decade after he shot the photo, Hilliard received a call from Zappa's wife Gail asking for the negative of the photo for use in a record called "Trance-Fusion" (all live recordings from the 1980s). Hilliard had moved so many times in that span that he couldn't find the negative. Fortunately, Gail was able to copy the published version and it can be seen in that record that came out around five years ago.

Today, Hilliard is still available to the corporate/commercial clientele and will occasionally shoot a few high end weddings. In fact, he's shot thousands of weddings in his 30 years as a photographer and some interesting wedding related photos can be seen on display.

One shot shows a bride taking the plunge - literally - as she dives into the Falmouth Harbor while still wearing her wedding gown. Hopefully her marriage didn't end up all wet.

While wandering the "Village" in NYC, Hilliard came upon a pastry shop displaying a wedding cake. After shooting more than 30 weddings that year, "this scene seemed to portray my negative attitude toward these glorious events that day."

For Hilliard, whether he's shooting brides and grooms or rock stars, he loves what he does (though, he would clearly prefer the rock stars). He's been fortunate enough to travel not just around American but to Europe as well.

"I've been a lot of places and I've done a lot of things," he remarked, "and the camera has gotten me there."

Thankfully, for those who haven't been able to see the word, Hilliard has taken some photos on his journey.

Hilliard can be reached at bruce.hilliard@verizon.net. His website is www.brucehilliard.com.

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100 LEDGEWOOD DR #417 was sold to Elisa D Pepielli by Kerry A Bonner for \$193,500

300 PARK TERRACE DR #354 was sold to Fay L Leong by Marriette Ostrovsky RET & Phyllis Liebman for \$212,000

14 STONE AVE was sold to Kenneth W & Marylou Eisor by Patrick J & Maureen A Greatorex for \$535,000

11 WAGNER RD was sold to Nicholas Sfravara by Stephen S Ptak Est & Nancy J Esparza for \$300,000

7 WARREN ST was sold to HR Ventures LLC by Broadfield RT & Nick Aalerud for \$198,000

-TEWKSBURY-

60 BRIARWOOD RD was sold to Michael C & Jeanne M Hogam by Robert L & Joan D Lloyd for \$445,000

4 CRESCENT ST was sold to Keith M & Amy E Hourihan by Michael C & Jeanne M Hogan for \$312,000

26 DECAROLIS DR #26 was sold to Megan S Geen by Jamil M Ball for \$200,000

6 GRASSHOPPER LN was sold to Emlock Construction LLC by Thomas F & Diane M Buono for \$220,000

885 MAIN ST #9 was sold to James E Sullivan by Susan M Perusse for \$90,000

506 NORTH ST was sold to Laura C King by Cod Drive Realty Co LLC for \$375,000

-WAKEFIELD-

14 AUBURN ST was sold to Nicholas F Kollett by Deborah M Butler for \$377,000

36 AVON ST was sold to William L Alley IRA & Perisco T Co by Town Of Wakefield for \$301,000

40 AVON ST #2 was sold to Nina M Zingariello by FNMA for \$265,000

59 EMERSON ST was sold to Margaret M Burgess by Gates FT & Margaret M Burgess for \$300,000

15 FRANKLIN ST was sold to Philip & Bruno Cardillo by Gelardo Cardillo & Maria Cardillo-Lessa for \$175,000

20 MORGAN AVE was sold to Kenneth C & Allyson G Houghton by John D Morgan Est & Maureen F Crowley for \$400,000

22 PENFIELD CIR was sold to Ryan P & Carly A Fortier by Paul E & Madelyn Fortier for \$405,000

10 RICHARDSON ST was sold to Jeffrey Gittens by Anthony Germanetto for \$419,000

24 WHITTIER RD was sold to Kirk P & Elizabeth Irons by Salvatore & Maria Lobrutto for \$427,000

-WILMINGTON-

1 DEWEY AVE was sold to Michael C Murphy & Diandra M Sciarappa by Tkachuk Development LLC for \$395,000

32 GROVE AVE was sold to Erin E & David E Collins by Carlos Borges for \$365,000

9 GUNDERSON RD was sold to Erin M Flaherty by Mary A Kingston for \$348,000

14 KENDALL ST was sold to Nicole J Leite by Laura L Wright for \$375,000

501 LORDS CT was sold to Alberto G Manrique & Carolyn Piazza by Dorothy A & Robert P Sullivan for \$252,000

120 MAIN ST was sold to Town Of Wilmington by Roman Cath Archb Of for \$1,725,000

10 MIDDLESEX AVE #15 was sold to Abhishek Deshmukh & Deepa Kukreja by Ruth Marie Weiss FT & Marvin Weiner for \$375,000

5 NORTH ST was sold to Chong K Chen by Homecraft Builders LLC for \$539,900

1 OLSON ST #6 was sold to Linda Perez & Antero G Ortiz by Dieu Nguyen for \$393,000

-WINCHESTER-

8 COLOMBUS RD was sold to Gregory & Christine N Odin by Teresa M & Salvatore Fiumara for \$160,000

22 GROVE PL #4 was sold to James C & Dorothy Ulwick by Lovett RT & Nancy Lovett for \$445,000

64 HIGHLAND AVE #4 was sold to Donna Addezio by Nancy E & Dale M Lodge for \$307,000

21 SHEPARD CT #21 was sold to Jessica M Mccluskey by John D Colantino for \$281,900

32 SURREY RD was sold to Nadeem Alduaij & Bibi Alamiri by Kenneth D & Karen A Tarbell for \$1,200,000

200 SWANTON ST #524 was sold to Elliot P Melzar by William O Dipietro for \$115,500

200 SWANTON ST #640 was sold to Mark Menezes by FNMA for \$95,000

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2 EVANS ST was sold to Marcelo F & Lucyara O Kensy by Matthew C Doncel for \$395,000

8 GAYLE ST was sold to William H & Joan C Rothfuchs by Stephen V & Philip T Brady for \$325,000

125 GREEN ST was sold to Christopher J & Christine T Murphy by David & Rachel Scott for \$325,500

21 HART PL was sold to Brian C Miller & Eimile Kinsella by All Restoration for \$315,070

21 HOUGHTON ST was sold to Ning Liu & Li Xiao by Mariano & Payal P Cudia for \$390,000

56 MERRIMAC ST #A was sold to Diane G McCarthy by Benjamin C & Sarah E Laramée for \$425,000

18 N MAPLE ST was sold to Triad Real Properties LLC by BL Realty LLC for \$445,000

127 PLACE LN #127 was sold to Marie E Zanella by Theodore S & Lottie J Prograniczny for \$289,000

41 QUIMBY AVE was sold to Mathew H & Phuong X Nguyen by Chitra & Lalith M Tissera for \$369,000

7 ROCK ST was sold to Thomas J & Valentyna H McGann by Catherine E McGann Est & Thomas J McGann for \$303,000

25 RUMFORD PARK AVE was sold to Brian & Kaitlin Provencher by Paul E & Paula J Burke for \$389,000

11 SENDICK RD was sold to Maksudul Hoque & Jobaida Rahman by Gary T & Karen A Galvin for \$375,000

186 WINN ST was sold to Tram Phan by Robert N & Diane Aufiero for \$405,000

-LYNNFIELD-

221 CHESTNUT ST was sold to Guy A Ciolfi by Sean V Vallor & Laura Camera for \$414,000

753 SUMMER ST was sold to Prashanth & Rani R Mopala by Sashikanth Kodali for \$517,500

Sampler From S-8

out onto the partially covered side patio. A flush eating bar rims the counter that bounds the kitchen. Laundry appliances are nearby, in a pass-through room that links with the two-car garage.

The owners' suite fills out the rest of the main floor. It boasts a walk-in shower, dual vanity and roomy walk-in closet. Two more bedrooms

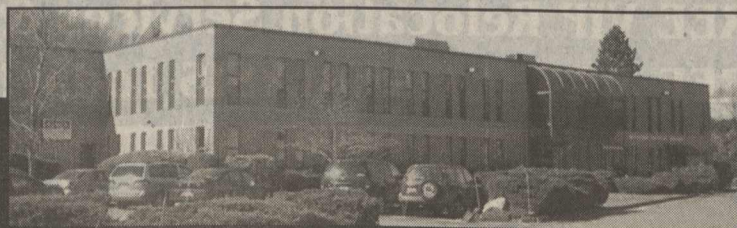
are upstairs. Each offers direct entry to the novel three-section bathroom—toilet and tub are shared, but each bedroom has its own vanity. One of the bedrooms is vaulted, as is the large bonus room.

Double doors in the Parkview's loft open onto a charming balcony.

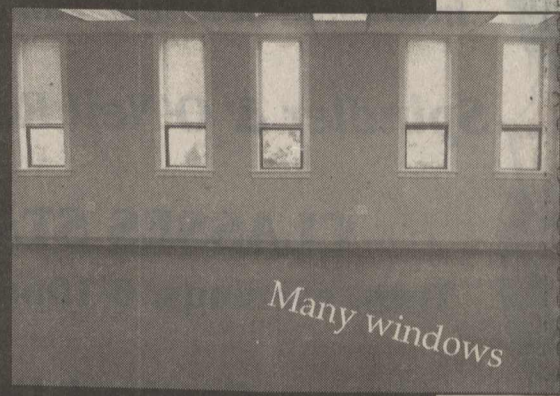
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 15 NETWORK DR was sold to Network Drive Owner LLC by Palomar Medical Tech LLC for \$25,750,000
 22 S BEDFORD ST was sold to Colin Tan & Jaclyn T Nguyen-Tan by Nancy M Liberman for \$375,000
 77 S BEDFORD ST was sold to W RJK 77 S Bedford LLC by MA 77 S Bedford St LLC for \$30,000,000
 2 SUMPTER RD #B was sold to Dennis & Kathleen Turri by Hills Mor Construction for \$720,000
 40 WASHINGTON AVE was sold to Michael & Erin M Sarro by Rose Ciano IRT & Nicolina R Costa for \$460,000
 39 WINN ST was sold to 39 Winn RT & Robert J Mallard by Robert F Foote for \$200,000

-NORTH READING-

52 ABBOTT RD was sold to Christopher M & Candice E Barry by Barry FT & John T Barry for \$206,250
 92 CONCORD ST #4 was sold to Catom LLC by James T Lynch for \$450,000
 92 CONCORD ST #5 was sold to Catom LLC by James T Lynch for \$450,000
 153 HAVERHILL ST was sold to Ronald E & Suzanne D Bagnera by Denise C Cartolano for \$260,000
 243 HAVERHILL ST was sold to Robert D Johnson & Jaclyn Squeglia by Lucy M Rich for \$277,243
 38 MAIN ST #15 was sold to JMI Enterprise Props LLC by Carolyn J Cervone for \$122,300
 44 MAIN ST #16 was sold to Min Li by Robert Johnson for \$128,000
 50 MOUNT VERNON ST #12 was sold to Vinicius A & Carla D Goncalves by Jeanne A Jarvis LT & Jeanne A Jarvis for \$507,000

-READING-

6 BAY STATE RD was sold to Jeanine & George Stansfield by Linda A Williamson for \$374,000
 603 GAZEBO CIR #603 was sold to Jonathan D Labroad by Yevgeniy & Maria Shkolnik for \$339,900
 58 HANCOCK ST was sold to Daniel J & Laura D Moresco by Adam W & Kathryn A Rodgers for \$345,000
 241 MAIN ST #C7 was sold to Christopher W Blauvelt by Laurie McDorr for \$168,500

-STONEHAM-

13 BRACKETT AVE was sold to Denise S Guarino by Linda M Merikanto for \$432,500
 20 CONCORD RD was sold to George C & Lindsay Silvestro by Diane G McCarthy for \$725,000
 137 FRANKLIN ST #202 was sold to Vincent Rando by C&M RT & Michael Bruno for \$179,000
 8 GILMORE ST #D was sold to FNMA by Milo Y Georgiev & Green Tree Servicing LLC for \$274,504
 12 KIRMES RD was sold to Anthony A & Erica A Picariello by

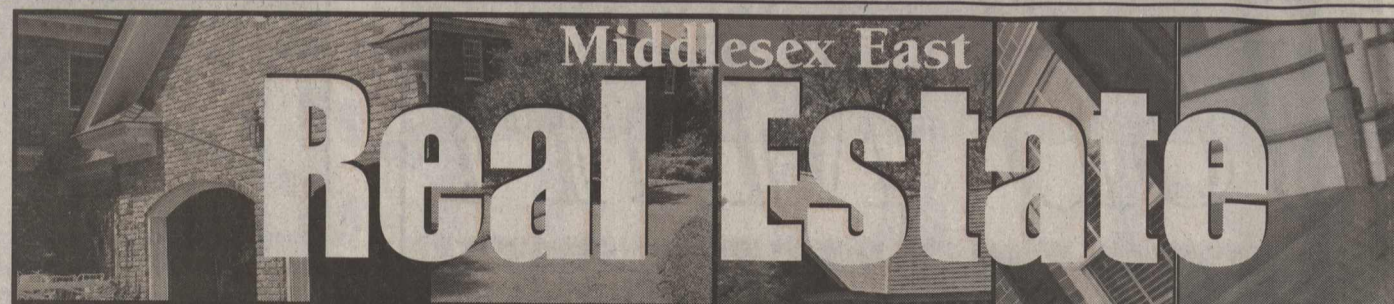
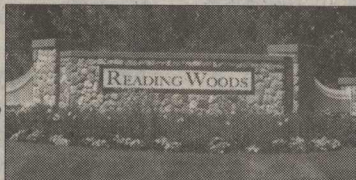
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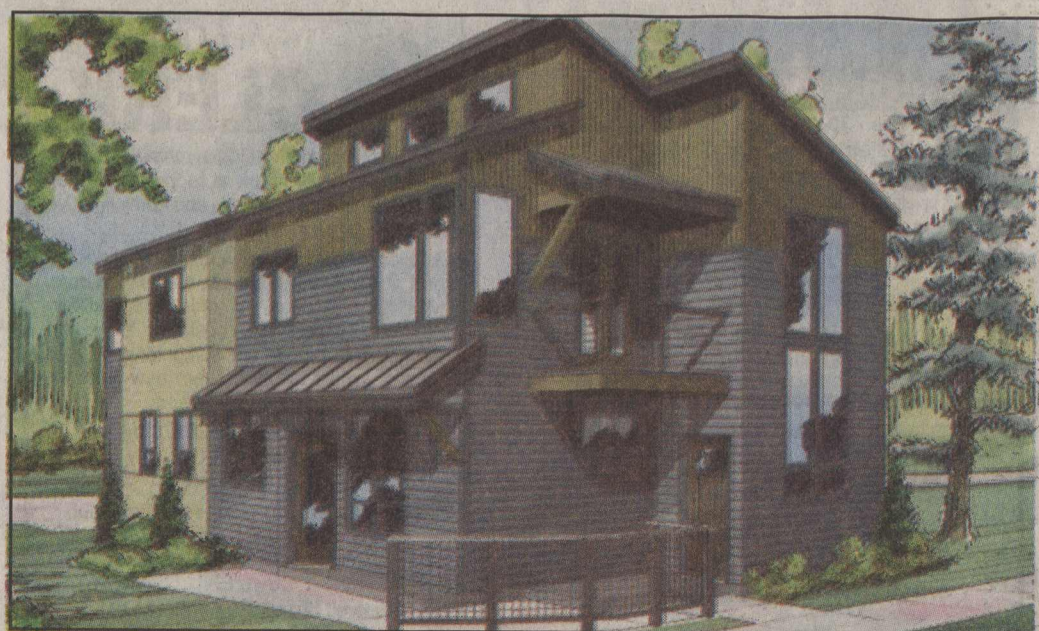
Parkview attracts plenty of attention

Not only is this contemporary town home eye-catching and spacious, but it also fits neatly on a narrow lot. The Parkview's footprint is perfectly rectangular on its right and rear sides. The left and front are basically rectangular, but varied by a porch, patio, balcony and wall extension, as well as intriguing cantilevered roof lines.

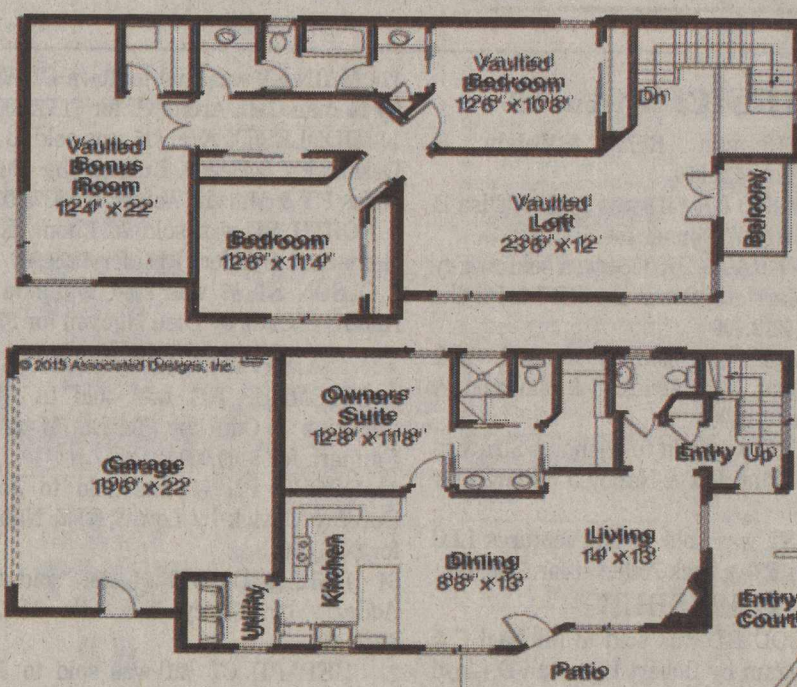
Natural light washes into the entry and stairwell through the striking stacked sets of tall slender windows that highlight one side of the front façade. Just inside the front door, you pass that window-bright stairway plus a handy powder room and convenient coat closet before stepping into the expansive living room.

The inner half of the living/dining room has a standard-height ceiling, due to the vaulted second-story loft. The exterior-oriented half shares the loft's vaulted ceiling. Light spilling in through ground level and clerestory windows brightens the entire space. A mess-free gas fireplace nestles into one front corner.

The living room segues seamlessly into the dining area. The atrium door at the juncture of these two spaces makes it easy to move meals



This contemporary townhouse feels spacious inside, especially in the free-flowing dining room, living room and kitchen. A fireplace is nestled into the corner of the living room and can be enjoyed through-out the first floor. The owners' suite is on the ground floor, while two more bedrooms, a loft and bonus room are upstairs.



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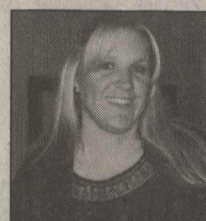
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